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THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK

A.D. 1916.

The Synod of New York met according to appointment in the First Presbyterian Church, Newburgh, N. Y., on Tuesday, October 17th, 1916 at half past seven o'clock, P. M. and was opened with devotional services and a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Arthur Newman, of the Presbytery of Long Island, from Galatians 6:14, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Synod then engaged in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Moderator presided and was assisted by Elders, George E. Reed, Cheney P. Whitney, Oswell R. Coe, Charles B. Howell, Zelotus L. Wilcox, William H. Hollister, Jr., John J. Barlow, William A. Galpin, Lucius N. Deming, Scott Foster, Llewellen D. Howell, Samuel F. Mead, Edward H. Foster, Edward W. Stark, John E. Wallace, John H. Daly.

The Synod was then constituted with prayer.

Upon the report of the Permanent Committee on Registration, the following ministers and ruling elders were recognized as duly appointed delegates and their names were entered upon the Roll of the Synod:

ROLL OF THE SYNOD

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Alexander Lennox, Lit.D.,	John H. Daly,
Samuel G. Parent,	James T. Sweetman, M.D.,
J. Valdemar Moldenhauer,	Charles P. Jennings,
Joseph T. Curtin.	James G. Perkins,
	David C. Herrick,
	John J. Barlow.

II. BINGHAMTON.

Parke Richards, (2),
John L. Winnemore,
Anrold W. Bloomfield,
Leon A. Losey.
Walter I. Couper,
Burr W. Mosher,
Daniel S.English,
George J. Michelback.

III. BROOKLYN.

William Carter, D.D.
Herman E. Schnatz
Lyman C. Pettit, Ph.D.,
John J. MacDonald, D.D.,
Andrew Magill,
John A. Erickson,
Henry E. Stammer.
John E. Wallace,
George B. Pettit,
Andrew R. Miller,
John T. Barry,
S. H. Brown,
Charles Seymour,
Cornelius J. Bergen.

IV. BUFFALO.

W. Closson McGarvey,
George E. Swezey,
William H. Boocock,
George Storner,
Greeley H. Orvis,
Harry H. Hubbell,
Alexander Thompson.
John Smith Chittenden,
William A. Galpin,
William A. Brack.

V. CAYUGA.

George B. Stewart, D.D.,
E. Lloyd Jones,
Lucian W. Scott.
James Devlin,
Edward W. Stark,
Hamilton Creque.

VI. CHAMPLAIN.

Arthur B. Ross,
William N. Wysham.
Lucius D. Deming.

VII. CHEMUNG.

Albert O. Caldwell,
William C. Falconer.
Fred L. Baker.

VIII. CHILE.

IX. COLUMBIA.

John B. Kaloria,
William Mackay.

Oswell R. Coe,
Willis Baldwin.

X. EASTERN PERSIA.

Samuel Martin Jordan.

XI. GENESEE.

John R. Kay,
Hardy Lumb.

Rosman L. Walkley,
James N. Wykoff.

XII. GENEVA.

T. Maxwell Morrison,
Esta E. Grosh.

Cheney P. Whitney.

XIII. HUDSON.

Hugh R. Fraser,
George H. Bonsall,
Lowrie D. Cory,
J. K. Karl Stadelman,
Charles M. Ackerman.

Horace E. Hurd,
Henry M. Roe,
Zelotus L. Wilcox,
Philip Schmidt,
Horatio M. Green.

XIV. LONG ISLAND.

Arthur Newman,
Thomas C. Ogburn,
William H. Lloyd.

J. Herbert Carter,
Edward H. Foster,
Lester H. Davis.

XV. LYONS.

David B. McMurdy,
C. Clarence Baker.

Ira I. Soule,
Albert B. Bennett.

XVI. NASSAU.

Edward W. Abbey, D.D.,
David Wills, D. D.

Edwin M. Rowley,
Robert Black.

XVII. NEW YORK.

Duncan J. McMillan, D.D.,
Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D.,
George S. Webster, D.D.,
Simeon B. Dunn, D.D.,
James Cromie,
Robert G. Davey, D.D.,
Albert D. Gantz, M.A.,
Charles W. Welch,
Arthur H. Limouze.
R. Llewellyn Rees,
Henry Cole Smith,
Scott Foster,
Samuel F. Mead,
William P. Jones,
Archibald Best,
John Davidson.

XVIII. NIAGARA.

Albert W. Allen,
Benjamin M. Swan,
Theodore T. Hays.
William F. Schrader,
B. N. Thompson.

XIX. NORTH LAOS.

XX. NORTH RIVER.

Alexander Alison, D.D.,
J. Scott King,
Frederick E. Stockwell, D.D.,
James Edge,
Charles J. Howell,
John W. Bingham,
Robert Hutchinson, (2),
Joseph N. Badeau.

XXI. OTSEGO.

Almon T. Fuller, (2),
Andrew M. Forrester,
George McCulloch.
James E. Harper,
Walter Cope,
William C. King.

XXII. PORTO RICO.

XXIII. ROCHESTER.

Ebenezer B. McGhee,
John B. White,
Joseph Sunter,
Harry V. Bonner.
Lewis J. Wilkinson,
George E. Covert,
Norman Esterheld,
Harry A. Tompkins,
W. F. Parry,
George W. Ament.

XXIV. ST. LAWRENCE.

Darwin F. Pickard, D.D.
Winfred P. Moody,
Joseph Kerr.
William C. Smith,
William Rodger.

XXV. SIAM.

XXVI. STEUBEN.

John Knox,
Hamilton B. Williams, (2),
Frank O. Leonard.
Frank Little.

XXVII. SYRACUSE.

Samuel W. Steele, D.D.,
John M. MacInnis, Ph.D.,
Cuthbert C. Frost,
John G. Truair.
William A. Gere,
Horton W. Swartz,
Eugene F. Whiting,
Willard M. White, (2).

XXVIII. TROY.

James K. McClure,
Richard Abbott,
James G. Carlile,
Wallace H. Marsh.
Jacob A. Graves,
William H. Hollister, Jr.,
John F. Clark.

XXIX. UTICA.

Dana W. Bigelow, D.D.,
Charles F. Kittredge,
John M. Brockie,
Edward I. Campbell,
John W. Dennis.
Ivan T. Burney,
Thomas Suturs,
Elbert A. Gruver.

XXX. WESTCHESTER.

Thomas C. Straus,
Charles L. Carhart,
Harry B. Roberts,
John J. McClelland.
E. Stanley Sloat,
Robert K. Clark,
William Smellie,
George E. Reed,
Edwin G. Ga Nun.

Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D., of the Presbytery of New York was chosen Moderator and was duly inducted into office.

Rev. David B. McMurdy of the Presbytery of Lyons and Rev. Samuel W. Steele, D.D., of the Presbytery of Syracuse were chosen Temporary Clerks.

Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell, D.D., chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, presented its report and a proposed docket and recommended its adoption as the order of business, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

The report was received and it was so ordered.

The following resolution of sympathy was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and ordered to be sent by telegraph to the family of the deceased:

The Synod of New York in session at Newburgh, N. Y., extends its Christian sympathy to the widow and family of our beloved fellow presbyter, Rev. Francis Brown, D.D., often an honored member of this body and prays that the comfort wherewith the Father comforts his own may sustain them in their sorrow.

After prayer, Synod adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8.30 o'clock.

Newburgh, N. Y., October 18, 8.30 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Delegates not previously reported marked (2) were present and enrolled.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Rev. Alexander Alison, D.D., of the Presbytery of North River as Vice-Moderator and the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Bills and Overtures:

Ministers—Arthur Newman, George B. Stewart, Charles W. Welch, William Carter, Arnold W. Bloomfield, Alexander Lennox, Albert O. Caldwell, George S. Swezey.

Elders—Oswell R. Coe, John H. Daly, Burr W. Mosher, Lucius D. Deming, Cheney P. Whitney, William A. Gere, Elbert A. Gruver.

2. Judicial Business:

Ministers—Dana W. Bigelow, Darwin F. Pickard, David Wills, Arthur H. Limouze, John Knox, Richard Abbott, T. Maxwell Morrison, Charles L. Carhart.

Elders—William H. Hollister, Jr., James T. Sweetman, M.D., Harry A. Tompkins, Scott Foster, B. N. Thompson, Edward H. Foster, James N. Wykoff.

3. Minutes of General Assembly:

Ministers—E. Lloyd Jones, Greeley A. Orvis, Arthur B. Ross.

Elders—Albert B. Bennett, R. Llewellyn Rees.

4. Finance:

Elders—H. Cole Smith, Horace E. Hurd, John J. Barlow, Walter Cope, Frank Little.

5. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—Charles F. Kittredge, Frank O. Leonard, Harry B. Roberts, James Cromie, C. Clarence Baker.

Elders—Rosman L. Walkley, Robert Black, William P. Jones, James E. Harper.

6. Nomination of Woman's Synodical Committee:

Ministers—Thomas C. Straus, Edward I. Campbell, George McCulloch, Esta E. Grosh, Thomas G. Ogburn.

Elders—Ivan T. Burney, Edwin G. GaNun, Lewis J. Wilkinson, George E. Covert.

7. Nomination of Trustees of Synod:

Ministers—Andrew Magill, Andrew M. Forrester, Winfred P. Moody, William H. Lloyd, Samuel G. Parent.

Elders—Charles P. Jennings, John E. Wallace, John Smith Chittenden, Fred L. Baker.

8. Committee to Collate Reports on the Records of Presbyteries:

Ministers—W. Closson McGarvey, John G. Truair, Simeon B. Dunn.

Elders—E. Stanley Sloat, Eugene F. Whiting.

9. Committee to Nominate Permanent Committees:

Ministers—Ebenezer B. McGhee, Duncan J. McMillan, J. Scott King.

Elders—William C. Smith, John F. Clark.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. Albany: *Ministers*—Charles L. Carhart, Harry B. Roberts; *Elder*—William Smellie.

2. Binghamton: *Ministers*—J. Valdemar Moldenhauer, George Storner; *Elder*—David C. Herrick.

3. Brooklyn: *Ministers*—Samuel G. Parent, John T. Winnemore; *Elder*—Charles R. Jennings.

4. Buffalo: *Ministers*—Herman E. Schnatz, Leon A. Losey; *Elder*—Daniel S. English.

5. Cayuga: *Ministers*—Henry E. Stammer, Lyman C. Pettit; *Elder*—S. H. Brown.

6. Champlain: *Ministers*—William H. Boocock, Joseph T. Curtin; *Elder*—John S. Chittenden.

7. Chemung: *Ministers*—Alexander Thompson, Greeley H. Orvis; *Elder*—William A. Brack.

8. Chile: (No records).

9. Columbia: *Ministers*—George S. Webster, Esta E. Grosh; *Elder*—Andrew R. Miller.

10. Eastern Persia: *Ministers*—John B. Kaloria, William C. Falconer; *Elder*—Fred L. Baker.

11. Genesee: *Ministers*—William Mackay, Albert O. Caldwell; *Elder*—Lucius D. Deeming.

12. Geneva: *Ministers*—Ebenezer B. McGhee, Charles M. Ackerman; *Elder*—Willis Baldwin.

13. Hudson: *Ministers*—John R. Kay, William N. Wysham; *Elder*—Rosman L. Walkley.

14. Long Island: *Ministers*—Greely H. Orvis, George S. Swezey; *Elder*—Walter T. Couper.

15. Lyons: *Ministers*—John J. McClelland, John W. Dennis; *Elder*—Robert K. Clark.

16. Nassau: *Ministers*—John M. Brockie, Harry B. Roberts; *Elder*—Ivan T. Burney.

17. New York: *Ministers*—George H. Bonsall, Edward W. Abbey; *Elder*—George S. Reed.

18. Niagara: *Ministers*—George McClelland, Joseph Sunter; *Elder*—James E. Harper.

19. North Laos: (No records).

20. North River: *Ministers*—Harry V. Bonner, Joseph Kerr; *Elder*—Lewis J. Wilkinson.

21. Otsego: *Ministers*—James G. Carlile, Wallace H. Marsh; *Elder*—William C. Smith.

22. Porto Rico: (No records).

23. Rochester: *Ministers*—Richard Abbott, Andrew M. Forrester; *Elder*—Jacob A. Graves.

24. St. Lawrence: *Ministers*—John B. White, Frank O. Leonard; *Elder*—George E. Covert.

25. Siam: (No records).

26. Steuben: *Ministers*—Benjamin M. Swan, James Cromie; *Elder*—William E. King.

27. Syracuse: *Ministers*—William H. Lloyd, Albert D. Gantz; *Elder*—Lester H. Davis.

28. Troy: *Ministers*—Robert G. Davey, James Edge: *Elder*—Samuel F. Mead.

29. Utica: *Ministers*—James K. McClure, Samuel W. Steele; *Elder*—Joseph M. Badeau.

30. Westchester: *Ministers*—Albert W. Allen, Hugh R. Fraser; *Elder*—Joseph W. Bingham.

A gavel of wood taken from the house of the late Governor George Clinton, was presented to the Synod by Rev. Joseph W. Babbitt, pastor of Calvary Church Newburgh, and a fitting response was made by the Moderator.

On the recommendation of the Stated Clerk, the following Overtures were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

1. Overtures from the Presbyteries of Niagara and Rochester relative to the transfer of the church of Holley from the former to the latter body.

2. An Overture from the Presbytery of Houston, Texas, relative to the publication and distribution of the General Assembly Minutes.

An appeal from the action of the Presbytery of Syracuse in the case of the Church of Camillus (on the recommendation of the Stated Clerk) was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

Ralph E. Prime, LL.D., presented a verbal report of the work of the Committee on Remarriage and Divorce. The report was accepted and the Committee was continued. The action of the last General Assembly alluded to in the report was referred to the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly for consideration.

The Committee on Religious Education presented its report which was received and after consideration and an address by Rev. Calvin W. Laufer, its recommendations were adopted.

The resolutions are as follows:

First, That the Churches be urged to make an offering to the Board through its Session Fund as well as through the Sunday School.

Second, That the whole work of religious education, including the Sunday School, Young People's Work, and religious training in the home, be pushed with great vigor in every Presbytery.

Third, That each church be urged to carefully consider the creation of a council of religious education.

Fourth, That each Presbytery be urged to create a strong committee on religious education.

Fifth, We further recommend that the organization of the Synod's Committee on Religious Education be as follows:

The Chairman of each Presbyterial Committee on religious Education, will, together with three elders, constitute the Synod's Committee on Religious Education. An Executive Committee shall be created consisting of the Chairman of the Committee together with three ministers and three elders. The Chairman and the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Synod.

The following supplemental resolutions offered by the Committee on Religious Education were approved, except the ninth which was referred to the Finance Committee:

1. In view of the fact that in the nine Presbyteries which answered the questionnaire sent out by the Department of Religious Education, five distinct titles were found to be in use, resolved that in the interests of uniformity Presbyteries be recommended to call their Educational Committee by the title "The Presbyterial Committee on Religious Education." (It is understood that under this term are to be included the Sunday School, Young People's Societies, adult classes and all agencies that are educational in aim and method.)

2. In view of the fact that the Presbyterial Committee on Religious Education represents various Boards and that the Boards represented, differ in different Committees, resolved that in the interest of uniformity and for the sake of facilitating the comparison of statistics the Presbyterial Committee on Religious Education be recommended to represent the Board of Publication and Sabbath Schools and especially the department of Religious Education of that Board, and also the Missionary Boards so far as promoting Missionary Education is concerned.

3. In view of the fact that any constructive plan of the Presbyterial Committee on Religious Education will necessarily require the expenditure of money, resolved that Presbyteries be requested to set apart a certain fund each year for the use of this Committee, the amount to be determined by estimated needs and the financial ability of the Presbytery.

4. In view of the fact that the report blanks supplied by the Board of Publication and Sabbath Schools need to be supplanted by a questionnaire in order that the exact Educational situation in local churches may become known, resolved that the Department of Religious Education be requested to prepare a

standardized questionnaire, in addition to the usual report blanks issued by the Board of Publication and Sabbath Schools, which can be used by Presbyterial Committees on Religious Education in seeking full information.

5. *Resolved*, that the Educational Program as outlined and published in a leaflet by the Department of Religious Education be heartily endorsed and that the Presbyterial Committees of Religious Education be urged to co-operate with the Department in carrying these plans into effect.

6. *Resolved*, that the Presbyterial Committees on Religious Education in all of the Presbyteries of the State be urged to do all in their power to interest their young people in and to secure if possible their attendance upon the Summer School at Auburn and the Young People's Conference at Pocono Pines.

7. In view of the fact that ten Presbyteries of this State showed losses in Sunday School membership amounting to a total of 2,469, *resolved* that the Synod recommend to the Presbyterial Committees and through them to the Sunday Schools that special emphasis be placed this year on increasing Sunday School Membership.

8. In view of the interest aroused by Reverend Guy L. Morrill's charts on Correlation and their value as a contribution to the subject, resolved that Synod's Committee be requested to secure them if available and that they be printed and circulated as suggestions by the Presbyterial Committees on Religious Education.

9. In view of the recognized value of the Pre-Synodical Conference on Religious Education and its imperative need at this time of awakening interest in Religious Education, *resolved* that Synod be requested to appropriate for its Committee on Religious Education and also for the Committee on the Joint Board of Education and Colleges the amount of $400.00 to be divided equally between these two Committees: that a Pre-Synodical Conference be held next year; and that the expenses of Presbyterial Chairmen be paid in order that they may attend the Conference

The Committee on the Next Place of Meeting reported that a very cordial invitation had been received by the Synod to hold its next meeting in the First Church of Watertown, N. Y., and recommended that it be accepted. The recommendation was adopted.

The following paper in connection with the bi-centennial of the First Presbyterian Church of New York City was adopted:

In view of the coming celebration of the Bi-Centennial of the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, the Synod appoints, at its expense, Rev. Arthur Newman, to represent it on that occasion and to convey to that Church the Synod's congratulations upon the long and honorable history and the great present usefulness of that organization.

Inasmuch as this celebration will mark the beginning of organized Presbyterianism on the island of Manhattan, the Synod takes this opportunity to record its gratitude to the Divine Head of the Church for the wonder-working grace of

His Spirit, in building up and broadening out the work of the Master which is under the charge of the Presbytery of New York, and its hope and assurance, that all these Christian agencies which He has so richly blessed in the glorious past, shall attain to His praise unto even larger and deeper fruitfulness in the years to come.

Rev. R. Lew Williams, D.D., chairman of the Committee on the Board of Education presented its report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted, except the last which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Pending its adoption, Rev. Richard C. Hughes, D.D., Secretary for University Work and Rev. Herbert M. Moore, Student Pastor at Cornell University, were heard. The substance of the report and its recommendations are as follows:

The Assembly's Committee on Vacancy and Supply makes this statement: "The Presbyterian Church ought to place, at the very least, a thousand additional workers in the needy sections of the world and she can easily do so, if her people could get the proper vision."

In view of the present situation and looking to the future, the Board of Education, has very wisely, in our opinion, in recent years been going back to the sources of supply and seeking recruits for the ministry

By visiting institutions of learning, by life-work conferences, by personal interviews, by correspondence with promising youths whose names have been furnished by Pastors and Church officers who are awake to the situation and other well directed methods, the Board has been seeking to interest the young men and boys of the Church in the claims and opportunities of the ministry. Conferences have been held in several Church centers, to which promising boys of high school age have been invited and addressed by influential laymen and ministers on the responsibility of the coming generation for the advance work of the Kingdom. This has proved a great blessing. While recognizing that "only God can effectually call men into His service we should also realize that we must open the channel through which the Lord of the Harvest actually communicates His wishes, His impulses, His calls to the souls of men."

During its 97 years of history the Board of Education has financially assisted nearly 14,000 ministers in securing an education, at an outlay of over $7,000,000. About 75 per cent of the ministers in our Church have been assisted by this Board. The policy of the Church in extending financial aid to students for the ministry can be defended from every angle, but concerning the criticism that it attracts inferior men, or that it lowers the manhood of those who accept what is sometimes erroneously called this charity of the Church, it is sufficient to point to the high standard of scholarship, ability, devotion and spirituality of the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, past and present.

There has recently been a decided increase of candidates accepted for aid. Eight hundred thirty-one men were under the care of the Board during the past year, a net increase for the year of 55. Among these were 125 of foreign speech, and 63 colored students. Eighteen medical students, and 32 students in our Presbyterian Training Schools for lay workers were also assisted. The total number of candidates for the ministry reported last year was 1,283, a loss of 21 over the year preceding. Our Synod has 120 candidates, ranking second in this particular. Pennsylvania is first with just double the number of New York, 240, and Ohio, is third with 117.

While a large increase in the contributions for Education was needed and urgently asked for last year, the churches advanced their contributions only $8,486, and the Board was forced to use $45,000 of unrestricted legacy in order to close the year without debt.

Two years ago, in view of the Board's financial situation, and specially because of the responsibility Synod had assumed for our Student Work at Cornell University, your Committee sent out a special appeal to all our churches for an increase of 25 per cent in their contributions to this cause. The response was an increase of 12 per cent—$1,267.75. Last year your Committee felt justified in making another special appeal for an increase. The gain for the year was $425, or three per cent. The churches of Synod contributed to the Board in 1915, $11,702.12; in 1916, $12,132.12. Two hundred eighty-two churches of our Synod—not including those of foreign Presbyteries—gave nothing last year to this important cause. From all sources, however, churches, individual gifts, and legacies, Synod gave $24,407 in 1915, and $26,771 in 1916, a gain of $2,364. This amount is relatively smaller than that given by several other Synods, according to membership and financial strength.

One of the more recent responsibilities entrusted to this Board by the Assembly is the grave and important question of religious instruction and Bible reading in public schools. It is a matter for gratification that our Church is recognized by the other denominations as leading in the effort to secure a practical solution of this nation wide problem. Our Church has gone on record as claiming that the right to read the Bible in the public schools is inalienable, and is also taking a leading part in the movement for securing public school credit for Bible study pursued in the churches.

The success of College Visitation, whereby a large number of institutions were reached with special evangelistic and vocational meetings, was even more marked in the past year than in former years, and is cause for profound gratitude and thanksgiving. By this means thousands of students have heard the Gospel with a new emphasis, many conversions have resulted, church memberships have been renewed, and hundreds of students have been led to consider the claims and opportunities of the ministerial and missionary work. Among the 44 institutions visited by representatives of the Board last year was Hamilton College in our Synod, where Dr. Cochran conducted special meetings with gratifying results.

One of the most important fields of service to which the Board of Education is commissioned is that of providing for the spiritual interests of our Presbyterian students in State Universities. This is indeed the vast conservation task of the Church. After nine years of purposeful effort, this work is no longer experimental but an assured success. During the past year this work has received a great impetus, for the Church is awaking to the vast need. The Board appropriated $35,000 for this enterprise, and in co-operation with Synods conducted work in 23 centers. This fall it is opening up work at six new centers. Thirty thousand Presbyterian students are in State Universities, 70 per cent of whom are now reached through our University Work and their spiritual needs met as far as possible. The Church now has 15 Student Pastors at work in these fields, and more are needed. Presbyterian University Churches, or residences for the special representatives of the Church, have been provided at several State Universities.

The University authorities welcome this effort in the interest of the students. President Schurman of Cornell says: "The organized co-operation of the churches in caring for the moral and religious development of students in American universities and colleges is a departure which cannot fail to be productive of great good and which I certainly welcome cordially at Cornell University."

Synod has a peculiar cause for gratitude over the work of our own Student Pastor at Cornell, the Rev. Herbert M. Moore. The year has been full of devoted service and the results have been gratifying. From expressions of students and members of the faculty, and from personal observation, the Committee is convinced that we are most fortunate in our Student Pastor. Mr. Moore has a parish of nearly a thousand Presbyterian students. He works in connection with the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca. Through his efforts there is a large attendance of students at the Church services, and several Bible classes for students are maintained. Frequent socials are given at the church for the students. Mr. Moore visits the men in their rooms, and is a daily caller at the University Infirmary. In spite of the handicap of being at a distance from the student center, Mr. and Mrs. Moore have entertained more than 300 students at their home.

There has been a real awakening of religious interest among the students at Cornell through the special Christian campaign which was held under the leadership of Dr. John R. Mott in March.

The pressing need, in connection with our Student Work at Cornell—indeed, the immediate necessity—is a residence for our Student Pastor on or near the campus. In view of this, the Committee in co-operation with the Board of Education has undertaken the raising of a sufficient fund to procure such residence, together with sufficient endowment to place the work at Cornell on a permanent basis. We earnestly urge the members of Synod to give their hearty co-operation to this movement, which is vital to the future work at Cornell. It is to be remembered that the Board of Education provides the funds for our Student Work at Cornell, with the exception of $500 annually from the First Church of Ithaca. The Synod is pledged by contract to increase its contribu-

tions to the Board, and at the earliest possible moment provide a permanent endowment to take care of this work.

Vocation Day and Education Week were observed more generally by the churches of Synod, and with good results. We again commend this special occasion to Pastors and Sessions as affording an unusual opportunity for appeal to the young to invest their lives in definite Christian service, and for presenting the claims of the Gospel ministry.

Your Committee recommends:

First, That in view of the fact that the newly created General Board of Education, which is to take the place of the present Board of Education and the College Board, will not likely be in a position to take over the actual works of the old Boards until the next Assembly the churches continue their contributions to the old Boards for this year, or until the new Board is prepared to assume the work, and that there be no lessening of interest in the task.

Second, That Synod again commends the faithful and efficient service of the Rev. Herbert M. Moore, Student Pastor at Cornell University; also the earnest co-operation with our Student Pastor on the part of the First Church of Ithaca and its Pastor, the Rev. John A. MacIntosh, D.D.

Third, That Synod recognizes the pressing need of a manse for our Student Pastor at Cornell, and will heartily co-operate with the Committee and the Board in the effort to secure such residence, and to raise an endowment sufficient to place the Student Work at Cornell on a permanent basis.

Fourth, That Synod recommends its Pastors to furnish to Mr. Moore the names of their young people who are attending Cornell University, and to urge these students to become affiliated members of our Church at Ithaca during their residence there.

Fifth, That all churches of Synod be urged to observe Vocation Day, February 11th, and the week following as Education Week, according to the recommendation of the Assembly.

Sixth, That Synod appropriate the sum of $400 for the use of the Committee on the Board of Education and the Committee on Religious Education, jointly, for the prosecution of their work for the coming year, this, on the same plan as last year.

The report of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions was made by Rev. U. L. Mackey. The report was received and addresses were made on the various phases of the work under the direction of the Committee.

The hour of recess having arrived, further consideration of the work was deferred until afternoon.

Recess was taken until 1.45 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, D.D.

WEDNESDAY, October 18, 1.45, P. M.

Synod re-assembled and was opened with prayer.

The consideration of the report of Synodical Missions was resumed.

The report was accepted and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions be received and approved by Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions be printed in the Minutes of the Synod in the form in which it has received Synod's approval, with such accompanying resolutions as may be adopted by the Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the Chairman and Synodical Superintendent be authorized to arrange, if possible, for a New York State Council for Foreign Work, along the lines of the present New York State Council for country work, looking toward co-operative effort in the work for foreign people throughout the State.

4. *Resolved*, That the action of the Permanent Committee at the April 1916 meeting, approving a budget containing appropriations for Synodical Home Mission work in the State for twelve months beginning July 1, 1916, in detail as follows, be and hereby is approved.

For Commissions

General	$25,000
Foreign Work	13,000
Administrative Expenses	1,850
Publicity	400
Department Synodical Superintendent	4,500
" Work for Foreign People	3,000
" Adirondack Work	5,500
" Church Extension Work	2,500
Emergency Fund	5,000

5. *Resolved*, That the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions be authorized to prepare and present a budget at its April meeting for a period of one year, beginning July first, 1917, the same to be presented in due course to the Synod of 1917 for consideration and approval.

6. *Resolved*, That the election of H. T. McEwen, D.D., as Vice-Chairman of the Permanent Committee for a term of two years be approved.

7. *Resolved*, That the election of Geo. S. Webster, D.D., as Secretary of the Permanent Committee for a term of two years be approved.

8. *Resolved*, That the election of Dewitt C. Hurd and Geo. P. Conard as members of the Permanent Committee for a term of two years be approved.

9. *Resolved*, That the Synod go on record as favoring a most thorough investigation before new work is undertaken, especially in the case of projected work for foreign people, and that the Synod further approve the effort to co-operate with other denominations of evangelical faith in carrying on work for foreign people.

10. *Resolved*, That the Synod approve the plans for conferences of workers of foreign speech, similar to that held at Kingston, Pa., with the Hungarians, and at Princeton, N. J., with the Italians during the past year, and that the Chairman of the Executive Committee be authorized to approve such reasonable expenditure from the Emergency Fund of Synod, as in his judgment such Conferences will warrant.

11. *Resolved*, That Synod approve the plan for Conferences with its Home Mission workers in connection with the semi-annual meetings of the Permanent Committee.

12. *Resolved*, That the Synod go on record as favoring continued agitation in the matter of adequate salaries for ministers in Home Mission work throughout the State.

13. *Resolved*, That Synod express its grateful appreciation of the special grants made by the American Bible Society to the work in the Adirondacks.

14. *Resolved*, That Synod authorizes the engagement of a suitable man for special survey work.

15. *Resolvèd*, That we put on record an expression of our deep sense of gratitude to the great Head of the Church for signal blessings bestowed upon the work of Synodical Home Missions during the past year.

(See full report in the Appendix.)

The following recommendations were also presented from the floor and adopted:

In view of the fact that Queens County, N. Y., is increasing in population at the rapid rate of 36 per cent and that much of this increase is from other districts of the greater city and that our churches are apparently unable to cope with the vastness of the work

1. *Resolved*, That our Synodical Committee on Missions investigate conditions and needs.

2. That the attention of the Presbyteries of Brooklyn and Nassau be called to the conditions and needs.

3. That we call the attention of the new board of Religious Education to these needs.

Rev. Carl W. Scovel presented the report of the Committee on Men's Work which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted. The following comprises its principal features:

Again and again has our Synod given time to discussion and appointed leaders to promote organizations among the men of the Presbyterian Church. Some churches have formed Brotherhoods, Bible classes and clubs. One form of organization has prospered in one church, another form in another.

When we ask the question, shall we give up all efforts to organize the men of the church, there is a hesitation about touching the button of the electric chair, and one after another withdraws. Why? Because every one who studies or participates in the world's big fraternities, recognizes their power to accomplish certain results and see how they attract men. All ministers and laymen acknowledge the devotion of our church-women to missions, charity and reform and we realize that this magnificent dynamo in our church factory would not exist without organization. Then why not for men also in their work in the community and the world?

Your committee would therefore urge the ministerial captains of church industry to stand at the front of their organized church men, pointing out the good to be accomplished and the foes to be routed, the treasury to be filled, the saloon to be banished, the neighboring immigrant to be welcomed and the distant pagan to be evangelized.

We therefore recommend:

1. That every Presbytery of our Synod appoint a committee on Men's Work (if such does not already exist), whose work shall be the inspiring and organizing of the men of the Presbytery, with special emphasis on evangelistic, missionary, and church-support campaigns.

2. That every pastor and session hopefully renew their efforts to rally all the men of their congregation in one group that shall meet regularly to discuss the problems of the church and community, and plan for their solution.

5. That in return for the counsel and free literature of the General Committee at Wooster, Ohio, the sessions should send at least a small annual offering to assist in meeting the necessary expenses of this work, if it is to be pushed to an all-convincing jubilant success.

The Executive Commission reported through its Chairman, Rev. Arthur Newman, as follows:

Two of the questions before your committee were proposed to Synod last year and referred by that body to the Executive Commission to report there on at this meeting.

1. *Resolved*, It is the sense of this Synod that in order to the parliamentary constitution of the annual meeting of Synod immediately after the opening of Synod, and preceding the election of officers, the roll be announced as certified to by the enrollment Committee; a printed list of all delegates and alternates be placed in the hands of every delegate.

Your Commission recommends that the above resolution be adopted as a standing rule of Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod of New York adopt the method of nomination for Moderator whereby the right of nomination is granted each year to the Presbytery which has been longest without a representative in the Moderatorship.

Two principles must guide the Synod in dealing with this matter.

On the one hand the parity of Ministers and Presbyteries in ecclesiastical dignities and authority is a feature of Protestantism which is to be jealously guarded and maintained.

On the other hand it is the privilege and duty of Synod in selecting its officials to select those who shall efficiently represent it and conduct its affairs.

In the Minutes of Synod is found a list of Moderators since 1882, the date of its organization. Form that list it appears that two Presbyteries each furnished four of these Moderators; from another three were chosen; from each of four others two were elected; [3]sixteen were once thus represented, and from eight, including the Mission Presbyteries no one has been chosen.

Your commission believes that no further action is needed than to call the attention of Synod publicly to these principles and facts; that Synod in the interests of justice and efficiency will carefully search out and utilize the gifts of all its members; and that the Presbyteries can be relied upon to protect the dignity of the Moderatorship and their own rights of official representation where these rights should be asserted.

We recommend no action further than this upon this resolution.

In the Minutes of Synod there is found a brief report from each of the Presbyteries respecting the licensure, ordination, installation, dismissal, reception and decease of ministers.

Your Commission recommend that the following standing rule be adopted governing the mention of deceased ministers.

For each session of Synod a list in chronological order of all ministers who have died during the ecclesiastical year shall be prepared by the stated Clerk from information given by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries; this list shall be read by him immediately after the roll call on the morning of the second day of the session of Synod, and the Synod standing shall thereupon be led in prayer by the Moderator.

The several recommendations of the Executive Commission were adopted.

Rev. James G. Rodger, Ph.D., of the Synod of California and a delegate from the International University Union, being present was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

Rev. John C. Ball, D.D., presented the report of the College Board which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted. Pending the question of adoption, Rev. E. A. McAlpine, President of the College Board and Rev. H. W. Reherd, D.D., President of Westminster College addressed the Synod. The report was then adopted and is as follows:

"Only the blessing of Almighty God, the vision and generosity of the people and the efficiency of the officers of the College Board can account for its remarkable progress during the past five years." With this striking sentence the General Assembly's Standing Committee on the College Board begins its review of the last annual report. To anyone who has given this subject earnest attention the history of the past few years seems almost incredible, showing as it does such rapid strides in the promotion of Christian education. Consider for a moment some of the items of progress during the last five years. In 1911 emphasis was laid upon the fact that the College Board was primarily an administrative agency, "its first duty being to collect and distribute the gifts of the Church for Christian education." To show how that feature of the work has expanded in these five years note the following from the report of the Secretary of the Board. "Using round numbers, on January 1st, 1911, the total Permanent and Designated Trust Funds of the Board amounted to only $140,000; now they total over $1,315,000, together with property held in trust for school purposes, valued at $400,000." And this is only one phase of the work imposed upon the Board and perhaps not the most important. With the growth and development of the Christian College, taking its place by the side of older and well established institutions, came the demand for a closer co-operation with these colleges in order to "promote and maintain high educational standards, spiritual culture and thorough Bible teaching." For a people who have always laid emphasis upon the need of a trained and educated ministry we have been somewhat slow in cultivating a keen appreciation of and a hearty interest in the cause of Christian education, and the great need of colleges so thoroughly equipped that the study of the greatest Book in the world may not be considered as incidental, but fundamental. Progress has been made in establishing chairs for Bible instruction in many of our institutions, for which we are profoundly grateful. But this great need must be met by the generous response of the Christian people of our Church. It has been suggested that the coming Luther anniversary be made the occasion of a definite and concerted effort on the part of the Church to raise a fund for

Bible Chair Endowment. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his theses on the castle church at Wittenberg. No event in history did more to give the Bible to the common people than this, and how can we as a church better celebrate this historic occasion than by exalting the teaching of the Word of God. The work of this great agency of our Church is commended as well worthy of hearty co-operation and support and your committee would submit the following recommendations:

First, That the Board be commended for its efforts for closer co-operation with other denominations, and among existing Presbyterian institutions of learning in the line of greater efficiency with less duplication of effort.

Second, That our churches be urged to observe Education Week, Sunday, February 18, 1917, to be known as Education Day, when the cause of Christian education should be presented, and such churches as do not use the budget plan should make an offering for the Christian College, sending it, preferably undesignated, to the College Board.

Third, That, in connection with whatever celebration of the Luther Anniversary may be arranged for 1917, all Presbyterian churches be called upon to commemorate this historic event, by making a special offering on Sunday, October 28, 1917, and sending it to the College Board for the endowment of chairs of English Bible in Presbyterian colleges.

The Treasurer submitted the following report for the year ending October 1, 1916, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand October 1, 1915		$2,602 25
Presbytery of Porto Rico due October, 1915	$ 12 69	
Presbyteries due October, 1916	955 45	
Interest	73 82	
		$1,041 96
		$3,644 21

DISBURSEMENTS

First Church of Batavia and Sexton	$ 120 00
Temporary Clerks	40 00
Committee on Freedmen	11 46
" on College Board	4 80
" on Home Missions	14 10
" on Foreign Missions	10 12
" on Board of Education and Religious Education	179 74

Rev. W. R. Ferris, expenses to Long Island Presbytery ...	$ 20 91	
Printing Reports of Committees	51 25	
Minutes and postage	147 90	
Ralph E. Prime, postage, express, etc.	5 92	
Postage and supplies, Stated Clerk	21 15	
Salary Stated Clerk	400 00	
" Permanent Clerk	150 00	
Expenses of Treasurer	18 24	
Balance on hand	2,448 62	
		$3,644.21

Due from Presbytery of Brooklyn, $106.97.

Due from Presbytery of Genesee, $18.50.

The Board of Trustees of the Synod presented the following report for the year ending September 30, 1916. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

The officers of the Board are as follows: Rev. A. H. Evans, D.D., President; John T. D. Blackburn, Secretary; Edwin T. Hanford, Treasurer. One meeting has been held.

The funds in the hands of the Trustees have not increased or diminished during the year, except as to income and expenditure.

The total investments	$28,394 32
Balance on hand	209 66
Roseboom legacy for Cherry Valley Church	5,000 00

The income from the invested funds of $1200 has been paid over, as before, to the Treasurer of Synodical Missions, this being in the judgment of the Trustees, a proper application of the moneys and in accord with the provisions of the legacies.

The total expenses of the Trustees in administering the trust were $65.27, in which is included the premium of $50.00 for the Bond of the Treasurer.

The terms of the following members expire with this meeting of Synod: Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D., Rev. Walter Rockwood Ferris, D.D., Rush Taggart, R. E. Wilcox.

A detailed statement showing the cash and securities is appended.

Rev. Ebenezer B. McGhee presented the report of the Committee on Temperance. The report was accepted and its recommendations were adopted. Its substance is as follows:

We are grateful to Almighty God for the rising tide of public sentiment which is sweeping toward National and Worldwide Prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The foundation today of successful business is human efficiency. Alcohol is found to be a handicap and a destroyer of the mental, physical and moral life of the individual. Marvellous things have been accomplished in other lands to stay this tide of evil. In our land, eight (8) more states have freed themselves

from this blight and seven (7) more will vote this November—in all, 19 states. Notwithstanding these successes, we see the futility of the successful operation of these remedial laws by the policy of our Federal Government as denounced by our General Assembly when it was shown: (a) that common carriers are compelled to accept shipments of liquor, the sale of which is illegal at its destination; (b) that the Government continues to issue tax receipts for the illegal selling of liquor in dry territory; (c) that the Government allows the mails to be used for advertising and delivering liquor in dry territory. The result of this is that the Federal Government forces this dangerous and immoral nuisance upon more than one-half of the territory of the United States against the expressed will of the people in those localities. When laws are enacted by the will of a sovereign people, it is expected that they shall be faithfully and consistently enforced all the time and everywhere.

For the furtherance of this end, in harmony with the utterance of the recent Assembly, let us stand by the other great branches of the church, as one of God?s prophets, and say to our representatives in Congress, as well as those who wish to be,—"In the name of God and humanity, you ought no longer to permit this nuisance to exist."

In our own Synod we have had some notable victories,—83 towns (townships) were voted dry November 2, 1915, making for the year 97 and, in all, over 500 "dry towns" out of 932. This means over 600 licenses voted out last November election.

The high standard of efficiency attained by our Temperance Board by reason of its able representatives and co-workers, as also by its fine educational output, deserves more liberal support from our churches. We should avail ourselves of its literature such as *The Amethyst*, pledge cards, tracts, posters, etc., etc.—so helpful for distribution among the old and young. We may thus keep before our people through the printed page as well as by the spoken word, that the licensing of the liquor traffic is a colossal blunder, wrong in principle and in practice. Our church long since declared that the licensing of this system was "wholly inconsistent with Christian discipleship. Your Committee must call your attention again to the use of cigarettes among the youth of our land. This habit is becoming common among school boys. Dr. Kress, third vice-president of the American Medical Society, says that 40 per cent of the pupils entering our public schools drop out before reaching second year in High School and that more girls than boys enter High School. This is not due to social conditions but by careful investigation it was found that a boy who smokes is unable to concentrate his nerve force, falls behind in his work and soon loses his interest in books altogether.

For the past ten years there has been a constantly lowering physical efficiency in our young men. In a period of 11 months in 1914–1915 out of 159,800 who applied to enter the United States Army, 117,000 were unable to pass preliminary tests. Of the remaining number, 5,500 were later rejected by the Medical Board as unfit.

Mr. Rittenhouse, president of the Life Extension Institute, New York, in a paper before the Public Health Association at a meeting in Rochester, N. Y., said that in one large insurance company 43 percent of those who applied for insurance were rejected and that there were today 15,000,000 men in the United States who gave evidence of the oncoming of disease. How long can our nation survive with physical fitness of its producers and defenders steadily declining? America today consumes more tobacco per capita than any nation in the world—1,200 boys not yet in their teens are permitted to form the habit every day.

We recommend:

1. That the work of the Temperance Board be approved and commended and that the Churches of the Synod sustain it in its work with increasing loyalty.

2. That Temperance Sunday, October 29th or some Sunday convenient to the Session, be observed and that our ministers prove faithful in denouncing the sin of drunkenness and all other social evils.

3. That we stand for the destruction of the whole traffic and declare absolute prohibition of this traffic to be the only proper attitude toward an evil so baneful and pernicious, and to this end, we approve of a Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; that we commend to our people the use of a discriminating choice in selecting Representatives to Congress who decide upon submission and Assemblymen and Senators who are required to pass upon such amendment when submitted.

4. That for the strength which comes from unity we co-operate with other Christian forces, specially to secure the passage of the "Optional Prohibition Remonstrance Bill" or any other Law that seeks the ultimate overthrow of this traffic.

5. That we affirm our belief that total abstinence from the use of all intoxicants as a beverage is the proper practice of the individual. We urge upon our Churches, Pastors, Sunday School superintendents, teachers and leaders the importance of education, moral suasion, and pledge-signing that the individual may be saved from the use of strong drink and also from narcotics in any form.

In connection with this subject Mr. William H. Anderson, Secretary of the State Anti-Saloon League addressed the Synod.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered him for his interesting address.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows and its recommendations were severally adopted:

1. An Overture from the Presbytery of Niagara and concurred in by the Presbytery of Rochester desiring that the township of Murray which includes the Church of Holley be transferred from the first named to the latter body, it is recommended that the Overture be approved and that the township of Murray be now transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Rochester.

2. An Overture from the Presbytery of Houston asking the Synod to Overture the General Assembly to secure an earlier publication and distribution of the

Minutes of that body it is recommended that the following Overture be sent by the Synod of New York to the General Assembly asking it to direct that its Annual Minutes be printed and forwarded within thirty days after the adjournment of the General Assembly each year.

3. In answer to an Overture relating to the printing of the Reports of the Boards, the following action is recommended:

In view of the large expense incident to the printing and distribution of the Reports of the Boards, and of the uncertainty of the degree of demand for these copies and the present increased expense to produce them; therefore the Synod of New York memorializes the General Assembly to take this whole matter into consideration with a view of issuing an edition of these reports based upon the ascertained demand for them.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented its report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted. The summary of the report is as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions within the bounds of the Synod of New York is happy to report that, contrary to men's fears, the building of the kingdom of righteousness and truth has gone on unto the uttermost parts of the earth, in spite of the turmoil and distraction of a world torn and rent by the ravages of war. Whatever may be the outcome of the present conflict, the terms of peace will only make more urgent and compelling, the obligation resting upon the Church to open up new channels through which faith, love, and truth may pass unchecked to all nations of the earth. The work of our own Board and the devotion of our missionaries in meeting many critical situations and increasing demands is a record of fidelity of which the whole Church may well feel proud. And it is also a matter for congratulation that the Board has been able to close its fiscal year, in face of the increased financial problems occasioned by the war, without creating a new deficit. In fact the deficit carried over from the former year of $101,013 has been reduced to $40,000, where it now stands.

The report of the Treasurer reveals the fact that the gifts from the churches toward the budget of the Board have increased approximately $10,000 and the Sunday schools $1,000. From this it may be seen that the splendid financial showing for the year has not been due so much to the gifts of the Churches as to rigid economy in every department of the work. The distressing fact is that the statistics show there was a falling off in this great Synod of ours of some $15,000 in the contributions of the Churches for Foreign Missions as over against the previous year. The per capita gifts for Foreign Missions have fallen off from $1.08 per member to 97 cents. Also during the past year 283 Churches in the Synod of New York made no contributions for Foreign Missions, while during the previous year there were only 235 non-contributing Churches.

The Every Member Canvass idea has made rapid growth throughout our Synod and its acceptance by every Church in the state would probably solve the problem of our deficit. The movement works wonders wherever it is worked, but it is to be remembered that it does not work by magic. It needs to be con-

stantly pressed. Perhaps we are suffering from the cooling down of the initial enthusiasm. The dropping of the offering taken after regular special appeals has won favor with the congregation but if it should lead, as it might easily do, to the dropping out of these special appeals themselves, it would work disaster to the various benevolent causes. No more vital subject can be set before our Churches than the cause of Foreign Missions and if the manner of lifting the offering has been changed, the presentation of the work and its needs should be done more frequently not less.

As a means of increasing more vital and therefore more generous interest in Foreign Mission work, your Committee would make special mention of the "Station Plan" of making contributions. Already a large number of our Churches are contributing this way.

The Sunday Schools of the Synod have entered upon the plan of giving to Mission Stations with a great deal of enthusiasm. A long list of our Sunday Schools already contribute to the support of the work in various stations, and the committee is glad to report that the number is increasing every year. When the renaissance of education in the Sunday School is perfected, provision will be made for the study of missionary movements, and larger opportunity will be given to contribute to the causes which command their interest, none of which can be more important than Foreign Missions.

A most commendable way of increasing interest in World-Wide Missions has been the various Mission Study classes that have been carried on in all of our aggressive churches. Each year special books have been published bearing upon particular problems and places of mission work. This year the Board is advocating the use of a book prepared by one of our own missionaries, Rev. J. H. McLean of the Chile Mission, entitled "The Living Christ for Latin America" and it is an ideal book for mission study.

We recommend:

1. That Synod recommends to all pastors and sessions that an effort be made during the coming year to make good the deficiency in the amount given this past year and in view of the tremendous needs of the heathen world a larger amount be raised for Foreign Mission work than ever before.

2. That Synod urge all non-contributing Churches, of which there are a large number in our Synod, to give an opportunity to their congregations to give to this cause.

3. That Synod recommend to all pastors and Sunday School superintendents the observance of the special days of Easter and Christmas in the Sunday Schools for the presentation of Foreign Missions, and that every Sunday School make some contribution to Foreign Missions.

4. That Synod direct the attention of our Churches to the new missionary book "The Living Christ for Latin America" and recommend its use as a text book in Mission Study classes this year.

The following paper was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod heartily approves the request of the Committee on the Board of Education made to the Board of Church Erection for a grant from

the Manse Fund for the erection of a suitable manse near the Campus of Cornell University for the occupancy of Synod's College pastor.

Adjourned until Thursday at 8:30 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 18, 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

A popular meeting was held in the interest of Missions.

Addresses were made by Dr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D., missionary to Alaska.

Closed with the Benediction.

THURSDAY, October 19, 8:30 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod convened and was opened with prayer. The chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions asked that the Committee be allowed one hundred dollars for the year's expenses and the request was referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the Woman's Synodical Society on Home Missions was read by the Stated Clerk and its substance was ordered printed in the Minutes.

In this thirty-fourth annual report of the Woman's Synodical Society, we find in our work much encouragement. Our Auxiliaries have increased from 647 to 660. There are fewer Young Women's Societies, now numbering 80, but some have cast in their lot with the older women.

Young People's Societies and Christian Endeavorers now report 541 societies, a gratifying increase. Mission Study classes are increasing. There are 16 "Extension Departments whereby missionary intelligence may be brought to "Shut Ins," and to those not connected with our Auxiliaries.

According to our latest statistics we have 1,525 societies and a membership of 55,000, embracing all ages from infancy to old age. Less copies of the *Home Mission Monthly* are taken than last year, 2,470 copies of *Over Sea and Land*, the publication for children are now taken and 2,036 Prayer Calendars.

Our Society is credited by the treasurer of the Woman's Board with gifts amounting to $86,930.73 including $15,416.78 for Freedmen, an increase of over $2,000.

Ten Life Members and three Honorary Members have been made during the year.

During the past year, as a special from the Woman's Board, we, as a Synodical Society, were asked to contribute $4,000 towards the "Men's Ward" in the new hospital building at San Juan, Porto Rico. We more than met our apportionment raising $5,089.

This year our "Special" is "Advance Work in Cuba" for which the Board wishes us to give $5,000. The object may not be as popular as the hospital. Bodies are so tangible! The sick, the suffering always appeal forcibly to every one, "The Advance Work in Cuba" in its scope, touches souls and bodies as well. It is a work, imperative, on account of the pressing needs, of the conditions existing in Cuba. While the obligation to raise the $5,000 rests upon the Woman's Synodical Society, we feel that, as Pastors and Elders, you can greatly aid those "who labor with you in the Gospel," in accomplishing this result. Will you not consider with your people, the importance of "Advance Work in Cuba" for Cuba's betterment intellectually, morally and spiritually?

The work of our Synodical Society looms up largely before us. Problems many and great confront us, as we begin another year of service. Death has depleted our ranks. Inheritors of the prayers and examples of those who are no longer with us, may we, who remain, go forth with courage and zeal, realizing hat according to our faith it shall be unto us, remembering always that inspiring passage of God's word, "that if any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

The Committee on Sabbath Observance reported the following recommendation of the preceding General Assembly to be approved:

Resolved, that we recommend that the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, which is the only Association that represents the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in this department of Christian work organized by the co-operation of the General Assembly in 1888, be included in the budget of benevolence of the churches.

We recommend that the resolution relative to contributions toward the work of the Lord's Day Alliance should be taken into our consideration by our churches for such action as may be found possible by them. Within the bounds of this State there are the following organizations having the promotion of the Sabbath Observance as their aim: The New York Sabbath Committee, the King's County Sunday Observance Association, the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, the New York State Sabbath Association, the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, the Sabbath Observance Committee of Mount Vernon.

It is a matter for thankfulness that this cause has so many active and faithful friends and promoters among our citizens. Close and cordial co-operation between these organizations is taken for granted of course. Steps toward their actual combination, if at all possible, should be taken in the interest of economy and efficiency. This is the law in the business world. The Church must act upon the same principle to command confidence and awaken interest.

Your Committee recommends that the Stated Clerk communicate the Synod's wish and hope in this matter to these respective societies.

The safeguards on our Statute Books thrown round the Sabbath are threatened yearly by measures introduced in our State Legislature. The Synod of New York representing about one thousand ministers and two hundred and twenty-five thousand church members, should be a vigilant and vigorous force in this common-

wealth in defense of the Sabbath against all attacks open or veiled. Promptly and effectively it should make known at such critical moments the sound ideas of its great constituency upon this matter of Christian and civic importance.

Your Committee recommend that the Synod instruct its Standing Committee on Sabbath Observance to take keen and active interest in all measures affecting the Sabbath which may at any time be pending in the State Legislature; promptly and strongly to protest against any legislative action contrary to the expressed opinions of the Synod; and, if the matter warrants, to authorize the Committee to depute one of its members, at the expense of the Synod, to appear in Albany in the Synod's behalf to present an argument and an appeal for the due maintenance of the Lord's Day in its purity.

The Synod of New York has many subjects of importance to consider at its meetings. None is more vital than the subject of Sabbath Observance. We are confronted not with a theory but with an appalling condition. We are solemnized, saddened, startled by the rapidly rising, swiftly moving current of worldliness, which is surely submerging the Sacred Day our fathers loved, and on whose undisturbed permanence, and unchecked fruitfulness our faith depends for vitality and victory. A desecrated Sabbath means a desecrated sanctuary; and a desecrated sanctuary means speedy decay and ultimate doom for all that Christians hold dear.

On the prophets of old rested the burden to see and speak the will and word of God. On the members, and especially upon the officers and ministers of Christian Churches, rests the burden now personally to understand and observe the Lord's Day in the Lord's way; by consistent example and faithful precept to promote its right regard; and to do all that sanctified wisdom, consecrated zeal and courageous energy can to stem the tide, which not only threatens, but is actually engulfing, the Day of our God on whose due observance He conditions His blessing.

The report of the Committee was adopted except the clause which refers to sending a representative, at the expense of Synod, to the State Legislature to look after legislation for the maintenance of the observance of the Sabbath which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

An open conference on the Presbyterian United Movement Program for 1916–1917 was held, Rev. Dr. William A. Foulkes presiding. After an address by Dr. Foulkes prayers were offered.

Testimonies were also given as to the success of the Every Member plan.

Rev. Messrs. Hugh R. Fraser, Duncan J. McMillan, D.D., and Elder William A. Galpin were appointed a Special Committee of Resolutions on Entertainment.

Rev. Arthur J. Waugh presented the report of the Committee on the Freedmen's Cause which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted. The principal features of the report with its recommendations are as follows:

This is the first full year following the Jubilee of the Board of Missions for Freedmen. The second half-century starts off amazingly well. It is good at this point to look back fifty-one years and read the action of the General Assembly of 1865, convened at Pittsburgh, Pa., the time of the formation of this Board.

"*Resolved*, That the General Assembly recognizing and rejoicing in the adorable Providence that has given civil liberty to nearly four millions of the enslaved African race; recognizing also that the hope of the race not only for the world to come, but also for this world is in their possession of the Gospel; that only by this influence can they be elevated to the proper standing of freedmen, and that without its influence they must further deteriorate physically, mentally, spiritually; recognizing further that the elevation of this people among us is essential to the highest interests of our own race, and of our beloved country, and is in order to the evangelization of the land of their fathers, and the consequent fulfillment of the prophecy that Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands unto God; in the belief also that the system of truth taught by our church, and the policy established by her in church extension are in order to the highest development of this now degraded people, hereby declares that in its judgment it is the duty of the Presbyterian Church, as patriots, as philanthropists, as Christians, at once to enter upon and vigorously cultivate the field that God has opened before us."

The great object had in view by our Board is the education of the Freedmen, their elevation along all lines, their development in industry, and their eternal salvation.

The extent of the work, as far as figures go, is as follows:

Number of Synods	4
Number of Presbyteries	16
Ministers	272
Churches and Missions	438
Added on examination	2,163
Added on certificate	273
Whole number of communicants	27,916
Sunday Schools	411
Sunday School scholars	24,446
Number of day schools	137
Number of teachers in	494
Number of pupils	17,794

The number of workers on the field is 663, made up of preachers and teachers.

The number of educational institutions managed by this Board number 137.

Boarding schools for males only	2
Boarding schools for females only	5

Co-educational boarding schools	20
Other schools	110

The entire Negro population of the country is some ten mil'ions. It was prophesied at one time that the Colored Race, with their large families, would one day swamp the country. There is no fear of this. In 1880 the Negroes composed 13.1 per cent of the entire population, but 1910 they were only 10.7 per cent. Yet their numbers increase amazingly. Our Board, if it had double the means at hand, could enlarge and improve its plans and become doubly efficient.

God's overruling Providence may be traced in causing the wrath of man to praise Him; for the bringing of the Negro here, his fearful suffering under slavery, have been turned to his advantage. He has been brought from heathen darkness, and he has found the light of life. Let us continue to help him.

The advance of the colored Race in the past fifty-one years in education, in culture, in ownership of lands and other property, in industrial pursuits, in professional careers, and in Christianity, is one of the marvels of history.

The entire income of the Board last year was $262,720.

The Church gave	$89,309
Young Peoples Societies	10,809
Sabbath Schools	11,913
Women's Societies	75,998
Miscellaneous	22,700
Interest on invested funds	25,589
Legacies	26,402

There was a general advance in the gifts of the living; but, the legacies being much diminished, there was a falling off from the previous year. This amounted to $25,760.

The Woman's Board has this year attained to its long-desired goal of having $100,000 pass through their hands. The amount was $101,925. All praise to the ladies!

The Board owns in property and investments the grand sum of $2,009,599.

The Redstone Academy having been consumed by fire, we are happy to be able to announce that the same is rebuilding.

This is the first year of carrying on the colored work in the North, following the action of the General Assembly of 1915, transferring all mission work among the colored people from the Board of Home Missions to the Board of Freedmen.

We note the fact that the Bible and Catechism are daily taught in all the schools connected with our Board.

We recommend:

1. In view of the action of the General Assembly of 1915, transferring all mission work among the colored people from the Board of Home Missions to that of the Freedmen, the expenditures of the latter Board must be materially increased. Therefore we urge our churches to increase their contributions accordingly.

2. We congratulate the Woman's Department upon reaching the past year even beyond their goal of $100,000 for the Freedmen's Board.

3. As 6,234 churches aided this Board last year through one or more of their Church agencies and still there were 3,762 churches that gave nothing, and many of these are in the Empire State, we would urge all our non-contributing Churches to line up for their colored brethren, for whom Christ died.

4. In the words of the recommendation passed by the General Assembly of 1916, we suggest that "the Sunday nearest Lincoln's birthday, or some Sunday that may be convenient, be set apart for presenting in our Sunday Schools the work and the needs of this Board, and for receiving offerings for its support."

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported as follows and the report was accepted:

The one matter to which we wish to call attention relates to Absentee Members of Churches, on page 285, Minutes General Assembly, 1916.

Resolution one, That the attention of pastors and Sessions be called to the Amendment of Section 50 in the Book of Discipline pertaining to Absentees.

Resolution two, That the Presbyteries be directed to arrange their docket, so, that at the meeting of Presbytery when the minutes of Sessions are annually reviewed or at the time and just before the Sub-Committees on Review are to begin their work, the Moderator shall call on the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery to read aloud the said sections of the Book of Discipline and similarly that the Committees on review of Presbyterial Minutes shall take note of the question as to whether the Presbyteries have been faithful in the performance of this duty and report thereon to the Synod.

Resolution three, That it be recommended to Presbyteries and Synods that they make the said duty of oversight of Absentees a rule of business in their Rules for Judicatories.

The Committee on Nominations recommended names of persons to be appointed on the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions. Their recommendation was adopted and the persons named were appointed, and their names are by order of Synod printed in the Appendix.

The Committee on Finance presented its report which was received and its recommendations were adopted as follows:

Your Finance Committee would respectfully recommend:

1. That the usual appropriation of $100 to the local church of Newburgh to defray expenses incident to the entertainment of Synod be paid.

2. That an appropriation of $40 to the janitors of the two churches where the meetings were held, be granted.

3. That in regard to the combined requests of the Committee on the Board of Education and the Committee on Religious Education, we recommend the

appropriation of an amount not to exceed $400 for the current fiscal year to be used by these two Committees in their joint work in carrying on the propaganda relating to religious education in the Synod of New York. All vouchers for expenditures of this amount to be signed jointly by the respective chairman of the Committee named.

4. That the amount of $100 be appropriated for the use of the Committee on Foreign Missions that they may conduct a vigorous campaign throughout this Synod in their endeavor to eliminate the deficit in their funds.

5. In reference to the request of the Committee on Sabbath Observance for an appropriation, we would state that this request is an innovation, the paying of expenses to secular bodies, of members of Synod when others allied with the churches do this work.

This matter is so important the Finance Committee recommend that Synod refer it to the Committee on Sabbath Observance to consider carefully and report next year.

Your Committee does not think it wisdom to recommend an appropriation for an indefinite amount.

6. That where a chairman of any Synod's Permanent or Special Committees is not appointed a delegate to Synod, such Chairman be requested to attend the Session of Synod with the assurance that he is to be entertained by the local entertainment Committee in the same manner as are the regularly commissioned delegates to Synod, and that the following expenses incident to the trip will be paid from Synod's Treasury, viz.:

(*a*) Railroad Fare.

(*b*) Sleeping Car Fare.

(*c*) Meals enroute.

7. Your Committee would recommend that the assessments for the current fiscal year be fixed at five mills per communicant.

8. Your Committee, having examined the books, vouchers, and bank books of the Treasurer, would respectfully report that the same are correct as per vouchers on file, each bearing due receipt. Total balance in bank as reported by the Treasurer is $2,448.82.

The Committee to Nominate the Trustees of Synod reported, and the following persons recommended were duly elected by ballot:

Trustees of the Synod: Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell, D.D., Rev. Andrew Magill, William A. Galpin and James T. Sweetman, M.D., for the term expiring in 1919.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported that they found the appeal of Rev. Walter R. Ferris against the action of the Presbytery of Syracuse in the Camillus case, in order and recommended that the appeal be referred to a Judicial Commission of Synod.

The report was adopted and the Committee on Judicial Business was constituted such Commission.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief was presented by Rev. Henry A. Porter and accepted.

Pending the adoption of its recommendations, the Synod was addressed by Rev. William H. Foulkes, D.D., Secretary of the Board. The report is as follows:

Last May the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation reported the largest year in its history. More people helped, more money received and expended, more added to the permanent fund, more ministers enrolled in the Sustentation scheme than ever before. Two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars were added to the permanent investments of the Relief Fund, now amounting to nearly three and one-half million dollars. Under the Sustentation Plan over 1,400 ministers are enrolled as participants in this fund against 975, a year ago and 780 the year before.

The Presbyterian Church earnestly requests all of its ministers who can do so to join this goodly fellowship. While it is more particularly expected of the younger men, all under sixty are always welcome, and by special action of the last Assembly the door will be held open until December 31st to all under 65 years of age. Although it is not possible yet to pay the full maximum annuity of $500 as the Church hopes to do before long, yet even $350 a year is far more than can be realized from the same amount of money invested in any life insurance company.

Of course, the main appeal of the Sustentation Fund to ministers is not as an investment, but as a splendid enterprise of our Church, calling for our co-operation. We find in it a way to help one another, to remove a common reproach from the gospel ministry, and to guard our wives and children, as well as ourselves, from the humiliation of having to apply for aid, by and by, and being forced to acknowledge that although the Church offered an opportunity and urged us to improve it, we failed to provide against old age and death. In contrast with *relief*, which, however graciously granted, has to be asked for on the plea of poverty, the *pension*, toward which the minister has contributed his share, and which comes to him or his family automatically, at the right time, with no question as to his other resources, is so much more dignified, that one longs for the time when no further contributions to the Relief Fund will be needed, because the self-respecting servants of the Presbyterian Church will all have taken advantage of the Sustentation Scheme.

At present, however, we must bear in mind that this plan was adopted only ten years ago, and many ministers were already too old to be admitted. No odium attaches to such men or their families, when they are forced to seek aid from the Relief Fund. For some reason these applications have increased. Ten years ago this department had on its roll 1,024 beneficiaries. Last May it reported 1,555, of which 192 were new cases. The present list includes 49 lay missionaries, 55 orphan families, 827 widows and 624 ministers, among whom are 233 veterans, honorably retired after service averaging 49 years. Even to these the average appropriation was under $400. To the widows it was less than $200.

Not one-half of these meager appropriations was met by the church contributions for that purpose. Those offerings are of course supplemented by legacies, individual gifts and interest on invested funds, but last year it was also necessary to use more than $8,300 of the Board's Emergency money, in order to avoid a deficit. Unless the offerings from the Churches increase this year, a debt may have to be reported to the next Assembly.

Are the Churches of this Synod carrying their share of this sacred burden? They contributed last year to the current Relief Fund $25,269.09. They drew out for cases of need within their own bounds $26,348.75. A balance of more than $1,000 on the wrong side! We are indeed credited with $7,734 for Relief Endowment, and $16,819 for Sustentation; but those offerings cannot be used to relieve the widows and orphans and aged servants of Christ who are our present charge. Is the Synod of New York so weak that it cannot take care of its own aged members and the widows and orphans of its own dead? The shameful fact is that in 272 Churches, nearly one-third of the whole number, no offering was taken for this purpose. Is it not time that the pastors and sessions of those churches heard something about this matter from Synod?

The Board of Relief desires that mention be made of the rooms in the Memorial Cottage at Albuquerque, New Mexico, all ready for any of our brethren who may be afflicted with tuberculosis. If necessary, the expense of getting there will be paid, as well as of food and medical treatment. The experience of the Board has been that men who go in time to this sanatorium are restored to health and able to resume pastoral work. Publish this good news!

Your committee recommends the recommendation of last year.

First, That Synod take steps to lay this work with special emphasis upon its non-contributing churches.

We recommend also:

Two, That Synod urge each of its Presbyteries to heed the request of the last General Assembly that they "confront candidates for the ministry with the privilege, if not the necessity of providing for the day of disability and old age by uniting with the Sustentation Department."

Three, That Synod pass on to the Women's Societies and Sunday Schools, with its hearty approval, the request of the Board that the Societies make an annual contribution for the widows and orphans of the Church, and the schools an offering for the orphans. The recommendations were approved.

A communication from the Presbytery of Cayuga relating to a so-called erroneous exception taken to its records in 1915 was received and referred to the Collating Committee of this body.

The Committee to Collate the Reports of the Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries reported recommending that the records of the following Presbyteries be approved. Binghamton, Brooklyn, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Eastern Persia, Genesee, Geneva, Long Island, Lyons. Nassau, New York, Niagara, North

River, Otsego, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Utica and Westchester.

The records of the following Presbyteries are recommended for approval with exceptions, as follows:

1. Albany. No record is found in the Minutes of the action taken by the Executive Commission to which reference is made on page 236.

2. Buffalo.

a. It is not stated whether Rev. W. H. Cutler a Baptist Seminary graduate was examined before being received.

b. On page 341 it is not stated whether the meeting was opened with prayer.

c. On pages 339 344, 369, 383 it is not stated whether the meeting was closed with prayer.

d. On pages 334, 342, 344, 369, 381 it is not stated whether minutes were read and approved, neither do these minutes appear to have been approved anywhere else.

3. Cayuga. There is a careless engrossing of the records in the following particulars:

a. On page 161 the minutes have not been engrossed in the order of their proper dates.

b. On pages 162 and 163 there are insertions in the minutes copied in lead pencil.

c. On pages 165 and 169, there is an undue use of abbreviations.

d. On page 172 there is a careless condensation of an important report.

The exception of the Presbytery to the action of the Synod of 1915 in the review of the Cayuga records on page 153 is covered by a communication of the Synod of 1916 to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

4. Hudson on page 417, January 18, 1916 should be January 18, 1915.

On page 419 April 17, 1916 should be September 17, 1916.

5. A communication has been received from the Presbytery of Cayuga respectfully requesting that the Synod withdraw an exception taken by the Synod of 1915 to the Minutes of the Presbytery of Cayuga as contained on Presbytery's Minutes, page 117. The request is made on the ground that the exception is not well taken, being contrary to the Form of Government, Chapter X, Article VI.

The Synod has referred the communication to your Committee.

Synod's exception to the records of Cayuga Presbytery adopted at Batavia, October 21, 1915, is as follows: "Examined and approved with the following exception, Lack of quorum as per page 117—only four ministers present, when there should have been five."

Your Committee find that the contention of the Presbytery of Cayuga is correct and well taken and recommend that the Presbytery's request be granted and that this action of Synod be incorporated in this year's review of the Records of Cayuga Presbytery.

6. The records of Syracuse Presbytery were submitted to the Synod for review and the Committee on those records examined a portion of the Minutes but was unable to complete its task, because Synod's Judicial Committee requested the Minutes for that Committees use.

Inasmuch as the members of the Committee on the Syracuse Records are no longer present in Synod and inasmuch as a new Committee will not have time for a careful review of the records of Syracuse prior to the adjournment of Synod, your Committee recommends that further review of the Syracuse Records be deferred until the meeting of Synod next year.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Chile, North Laos, Siam and Troy were not presented. The report of the Collating Committee was accepted and its several recommendations were adopted.

The Committee to Nominate the Permanent Committees of the Synod presented its report which was approved and the names were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Synod then engaged in devotional exercises, being led by Rev. Esta E. Grosh.

Benediction was pronounced.

Recess was taken until 1.45 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, October 19, 1.45 o'clock, P. M.

Synod reassembled and prayer was offered.

Business was then resumed.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. W. G. Haven addressed the Synod in the interest of the American Bible Society. In this connection the following action was taken:

The Synod of New York has listened with great pleasure and interest to the address of Dr. Haven upon the history and work of the American Bible Society. It rejoices over the success achieved by the Society during its century of history and the gracious results obtained.

In view of the wonderful demands made upon the society at the present day, the Synod would urge all its churches to place this cause on its list of benevolences and to pray for its continued success.

The interests of the American Tract Society were presented by the Rev. Judson Swift, D.D.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

The Synod recognizes in the American Tract Society an indispensable agency for the dissemination of the truths of the Christian religion in the world mission fields by means of the printed page, and rejoices that it has published the Gospel

message in one hundred and seventy-eight languages, dialects and characters, totalling more than 800,000,000 copies.

The Synod also notes with deep satisfaction that the Society has issued a total of 14,748,588 copies of volumes, tracts and periodicals in the Spanish and Portuguese language for Latin America at a value of $638,546, and that special effort is being made to greatly multiply these publications, and to issue a Spanish One Volume Commentary on the Bible, the first that has been undertaken.

The Synod is constrained to believe that through the Society's Missionary Colportage vast numbers of the 60,000,000 of our non-Church-going population can be effectively reached with the message of salvation.

The Synod is pleased to commend the Tract Society for its distribution of the Soldier's Text Book and Gospel leaflets to our National Guard, and also for its sending many thousands of tracts and leaflets to the War Zone in Europe for the soldiers in the trenches and hospitals, and to those detained in prison camps.

The Synod further believes that the Tract Society's creation of Christian literature is the strong arm of the missionary both at home and abroad.

Therefore be it resolved, That the Synod urges that the American Tract Society be heartily supported in its various lines of missionary service and that Pastors and Sessions be earnestly requested to include the Tract Society in their annual benevolent budget.

An Overture was sent to Synod by Rev. Charles Stelzle relative to the Lackawanna Steel Corporation desiring to work its employees seven days in the week. The Overture was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures together with Rev. Dr. D. J. McMillan and Rev. Robert G. Davey.

Relating to the great destitution in Armenia, Syria and Palestine, the following action was taken:

Whereas the call for immediate relief for those suffering in Armenia, Syria, and Palestine has never been equalled in its appeal to the Church of Christ in America, therefore *be it resolved* that the Synod of New York call on all the Presbyteries and individuals within its bounds to respond with the very largest hearted offering at once for the relieving of this unparalleled emergency on next Sunday or at the very earliest possible date thereafter and forward the sum at once to Mr. Charles R. Crane, Treasurer, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The Committee on the Board of Erection offered the following report which was apppoved, including the recommendations of the General Assembly:

During the past year this Board has made appropriations amounting to $332,578. Where unpaid appropriations exist it is due to the fact that the churches have not qualified.

New York Synod contributed $11,766 and received $17,607 not including $10,117 appropriated to Porto Rico, which is assigned to our Synod.

Thus it appears that this Synod receives for its own distinct use over one and one-half the amount of its contributions. The Presbytery of New York makes the largest offering, amounting to $3,419, and yet makes no application for aid. Aside from Porto Rico, receiving $10,117, Westchester has the largest grant, amounting to $7,500.

An analysis of the situation indicates that there are three demands upon the Board:

1. Aid for the Rural Church.
2. Aid for the Non-Speaking English People.
3. Aid for the Churches at University Centers.

The most important in this Synod at present relates to the Non-Speaking English People.

Your Committee commends to this Synod's attention to the following recommendations of Assembly:

First, That the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries be directed to report semi-annually to the Board of Church Erection all the Churches upon which the Board has claims, that have been dissolved, or have ceased to be used for Church or manse purposes.

Two, That the churches asking for aid be urged to apply for loans instead of grants, and that the Board be advised to restrict the grants to churches, only when in the judgment of the Board there is urgent necessity.

Three, That the annual contribution of a Church to the Board aided by a grant may be applied to the liquidation of the Boards' claim, and where the total of the contributions of any Church may equal the amount of the grant mortgage, the Board may execute a release of the mortgage.

Four, That in view of the growing demands upon the Board that it use all reasonable means for the collection of loans where churches are delinquent.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, the following action was taken:

Having the information through the Rev. Charles Stelzle, of the Federation of Churches that the Lackawanna Steel Corporation is about to request the Industrial Commission for exemption from the "one day's rest in seven law" that they may be permitted to work their employees seven days in the week.

Be it resolved, that the Synod of New York in session at Newburgh hereby declares itself firmly of the belief that all laboring men in our State and nation should have as a right one day of rest in seven and mindful of the higher interests and needs of man, if possible, that the selected day should be our Christian Sabbath.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual bills and salaries.

The following Resolution of Thanks were submitted by the Committee on that subject and unanimously adopted.

In the closing moments of this meeting of Synod it is appropriate that we give some adequate expression of our appreciation of the services which have made our stay in Newburgh so delightful.

We therefore present the following resolutions for approval and adoption.

1. We express our hearty appreciation of the thoroughness and untiring courtesy and kindness of the Committee of Arrangements, Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell, D.D., Chairman, Rev. J. W. Babbitt and Rev. Jay Knox who have left nothing undone to minister to our comfort.

2. Your Committee feel that special thanks are due to the ladies of the First, Calvary, Union Churches and Hall Memorial Chapel who have provided bountiful and delicious lunches and dinners at Calvary Church and served them with gracious attention and also for the cordial hospitality with we found in these churches which have entertained us in their homes. They have made our stay in Newburgh a delightful experience long to be cherished.

We thank Mrs. W. C. Belknap who presided at the organ and the choir who led us in service of praise. We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of Mr. Peuter for two services afternoon and evening with the lantern and also the ladies, young men and boys who attended to our parcels so promptly and the pages who led us to our places of entertainment and to the people of the city who provided automobiles. We put on record our thanks for the courtesy of the daily press in giving notice of our meetings and publishing their proceedings, and to the First Baptist and Reformed Episcopal Churches and to the Temple Bath Jacob for the generous use of their rooms.

We desire also to put on record our high appreciation of the ability, fairness and tact with which the Moderator has presided and the attentiveness and unfailing patience with which the clerks have given their services to the Synod.

In conclusion we rejoice in the Christian spirit which has been characteristic of all the deliberations of the body and give humble thanks to God for the manifest and gracious presence of His Holy Spirit.

The several Standing Committees were called and having no further business to present were discharged.

The Judicial Commission reported as follows:

The Judicial Commission sustains the appeal of the Rev. Walter R. Ferris D.D., against the action of the Presbytery of Syracuse on the Camillus case and directs the Presbytery of Syracuse to expunge from its records the finding of the Judicial Commission appearing in the Minutes of April 11th, 1916, and found on page 223.

The Synod directed the placing of the decision upon its records.

The Rev. John M. MacInnis gave notice of a possible appeal from the decision of the Judicial Commission to the General Assembly.

The Rev. Drs. Harlan G. Mendenhall, Alexander Alison and J. Wilford Jacks were appointed a Committee to engage Counsel for

the Synod in case it becomes necessary to defend its action in this Judicial case.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members of the Synod had been permitted, for adequate reasons, to withdraw before the close of the sessions and the report was accepted:

Presbytery of Binghamton: *Elders*—Walter I. Couper, Daniel S. English, George J. Michelback.

Brooklyn: *Ministers*—John A. Erickson, William Carter; *Elders*—John E. Wallace, S. H. Brown.

Buffalo: *Ministers*—William H. Boocock, Harry H. Hubbell, Alexander Thompson.

Cayuga: *Minister*—Lucian W. Scott; *Elder*—James Devlin.

Columbia: *Elder*—Oswell R. Coe.

Genesee: *Minister*—John R. Kay; *Elder*—James N. Wykoff.

Hudson: *Ministers*—George H. Bonsall, Lowrie D. Cory, J. K. Karl Stadelman; *Elders*—Henry M. Rowe, Philip Schmidt.

Long Island: *Ministers*—Arthur Newman, William H. Lloyd.

Lyons: *Minister*—C. Clarence Baker; *Elder*—Ira T. Soule.

Nassau: *Minister*—Edward W. Abbey; *Elder*—Edwin M. Rowley.

New York: *Ministers*—George S. Webster, Simeon B. Dunn, James Cromie, Albert D. Gantz; *Elders*—Henry Cole Smith, R. Llewellyn Rees, William P. Jones, Archibald Best, John Davidson.

Niagara: *Minister*—Benjamin M. Swan.

Rochester: *Ministers*—Ebenezer B. McGhee, Joseph Sunter, Harry D. Bonner.

St. Lawrence: *Minister*—Winfred P. Moody; *Elder*—William C. Smith.

Steuben: *Ministers*—Hamilton B. Williams, Frank O. Leonard; *Elder*—Frank Little.

Syracuse: *Minister*—Cuthbert C. Frost; *Elder*—Willard M. White.

Troy: *Minister*—Richard Abbott.

Utica: *Minister*—John M. Brockie; *Elders*—Ivan T. Burney, Thomas Suturs.

Westchester: *Elders*—Robert K. Clark, William Smellie.

The Roll was called and the following members were recorded as being absent without the permission of the Synod:

Presbytery of Albany: *Elder*—James G. Perkins.

Brooklyn: *Elder*—John T. Barry.

Columbia: *Elder*—Willis Baldwin.

Nassau: *Elder*—Robert Black.

Niagara: *Minister*—Theodore T. Hays.

Rochester: *Elder*—George W. Ament.

Westchester: *Minister*—Harry B. Roberts.

Recess was taken until 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

MONDAY, October 19, 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

A popular meeting was held in the interest of Missions, the Vice-Moderator, Rev. Alexander Alison, D.D., presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. George S. Swezey. Rev. Samuel M. Jordan of Teheran, Persia addressed the Synod on "The influence of the War on the missionary situation in Asia." A rising vote of thanks was tendered the speaker.

The remaining Minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business, Synod adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Watertown, N. Y., Tuesday, October 16th, 1917, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer by the Stated Clerk and the Apostolic Benediction which was pronounced by the Vice-Moderator.

DANIEL A. FERGUSON.
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST:
J. WILFORD JACKS,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX

I. REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIES

I. **The Presbytery of Albany** consists of 65 ministers and 49 churches and has under its care no licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received:

October 1, 1915, Rev. Clement G. Martin, D.D., from the Presbytery of Dayton;

March 3, 1916, Rev. James J. Hoffman, from the Classis of Raritan of the Reformed Church;

June 20. 1916, Rev. Elmer J. Stuart, from the Presbytery of Steuben; Rev. Paul F. Landis, from the Presbytery of Chester.

Pastoral Relations dissolved:

September 30, 1916, Rev. James C. Dorward and the Tribes Hill Church.

Ordination:

October 29, 1915, Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert.

Installation:

January 10, 1916, Rev. Clement G. Martin, D.D., over the Ballston Spa. Church;

March 7, Rev. James J. Hoffman, over the Kingsboro Avenue Church, Gloversville;

June 29, Rev. Paul F. Landis, over the Bethany Church, Menands; Elmer J. Stuart, over the West Troy Church, Watervliet;

July 6, Rev. Warren J. Whiffen, over the Esperance Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 14, 1915, Rev. William C. Falconer, to the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. J. Wallace Young to the Hudson River Association of Congregational Churches; Rev. A. Stewart Kerr, to the Troy Conference of the M. E. Church; Rev. Arthur T. Young, to the Presbytery of Fayetteville, Presbyterian Church in the United States;

June 20, 1916, Rev. Walter Dudley Cavert, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Licentiate dismissed:

June 20, 1916, R. Arthur Basham, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Ministers deceased:

November 27, 1915, Rev. Lansing Van Auken, M.D., at Watervliet, N. Y., in his 59th year.

December 30, Rev. C. Otis Thatcher, at Batchellerville, N. Y., in his 73d year.

April 22, 1916, Rev. George Craig, at Corinth, N. Y., in his 76th year.

June 11, Rev. Egbert C. Lawrence, at Schenectady, N. Y., in his 71st year.

June 24, Rev. Chauncey B. Magill, at Schenectady, N. Y., in his 46th year.

II. **The Presbytery of Binghamton** consists of 39 ministers, 34 churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

October 18, 1915, Rev. James Myers from the Presbytery of Cayuga;
December 14, Rev. Charles Wasson Wyse from the Presbytery of Hamilton, Canada;
April 17, 1916, Rev. Clarence Beebe Scoville from the Presbytery of Buffalo;
September 18, Rev. Aaron C. Stuart from the Presbytery of Steuben;
September 30, Rev. Evan Rees Evans, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 19, 1916, Mr. E. Pierce Wilson, Member of 1st Presbyterian Church of Johnson City.

Licentiate received:

June 25, 1916, Mr. David Roswell Wylie from the Presbytery of New York.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 18, 1916, Rev. John A. Blacklock and the Church of Windsor;
May 23, Rev. John S. Laing and the Church of Hancock;
September 19, Rev. James Myers and the Church of Conklin.

Ordinations:

June 25, 1916, Rev. David Roswell Wylie, Supplying North Chapel of Cortland.

Installations:

October 18, 1915, Rev. James Myers over the Church of Conklin.

Ministers dismissed:

September 14, 1915, Rev. Leon S. Lacey to the Presbytery of Genesee;
April 18, 1916, Rev. H. Lewis Smith to the Presbytery of Cleveland;
September 19, Rev. James Myers to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Miscellaneous:

April 17, 1916, The name of the Floral Avenue Presbyterian Church of Binghamton was changed to the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City;
September 25, the letter of Rev. H. Lewis Smith to the Presbytery of Cleveland was returned.

III. **The Presbytery of Brooklyn** consists of ninety ministers, forty-seven churches, one licentiate and ten candidates.

Ministers received:

November 22, 1915, Rev. F. N. Lindsay, Ph.D., from New York Presbytery;
January 24, 1916, Rev. T. C. McClelland, D.D., from North River Presbytery;
June 26, Rev. A. B. Rhinow from Cincinnati Presbytery.

Candidates taken under care:

November 22, 1915, Charles B. Swartz received from North River Presbytery;
April 24, 1916, James F. Clark.

Candidates licensed:
January 24, 1916, Henry E. Stammer;
March 27, Chas. B. Swartz.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
April 24, 1916, Rev. J. G. Hehr and First German Church;
September 25, Rev. P. F. Boller and Bensonhurst Church; Rev. S. H. Barrett, S.T.D. and Springfield Church.

Ordinations:
April 9, 1916, Chas. B. Swartz;
May 31, H. E. Stammer.

Installations:
December 3, 1915, Rev. F. N. Lindsay over Wells Memorial Church;
July 11, 1916, Rev. A. B. Rhinow over First German Church.

Ministers dismissed:
November 22, 1915, Rev. J. E. Grant to Lehigh Presbytery;
January 24, 1916, Rev. A. G. MacRury to Elizabeth Presbytery;
March 27, Rev. C. R. Kingsley to New York Presbytery;
May 31, Rev. A. J. Waugh to South Classis Long Island R. C. A.; Rev. R. A. Waggoner to Nesho Presbytery.
September 25, Rev. P. F. Boller to Monmouth Presbytery.

Licentiate transferred:
September 25, 1916, B. F. Butts to Grand Rapids Presbytery.

Name dropped from roll:
March 27, 1916, Rev. W. H. Tower.

Church enrolled:
February 15, 1916, Calvary Church of Maspeth, Long Island.

Deaths:
September 14, 1916, Rev. Adam McClelland, D.D., at Brooklyn, aged 83.

IV. **The Presbytery of Buffalo** consists of 75 ministers, 58 churches, one licentiate and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:
February 7, 1916, Rev. Walter H. Cutler, from the Cattaraugus Baptist Association;
April 3, Rev. M. C. A. Kinsale, from the Presbytery of Sydney, N. S.;
April 17, Rev. Walter Foss, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; Rev. Alexander Fazakas, from the Reformed Church of Hungary; Rev. William S. Douds, from the Presbytery of Erie; Rev. Louis M. Lawrence, from the Presbytery of Niagara;
June 7, Rev. Albert B. Herman, from the Classis of Schenectady;
September 26, Rev. Rufus H. Bent, from the Presbytery of Geneva; Rev. Clinton Jennings Greene, from the Pre bytery of Peoria; Rev. Clifford H. M. Graves, from the Presbytery of Clarion.

Candidate taken under the care of Presbytery:
September 26, 1916, George F. Loehr.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
December 6, 1915, Rev. Albert W. Grigg, and the Lancaster Church; Rev. Henry Ward, D.D., and the East Church, Buffalo; Rev. Greeley H. Orvis, and the Allegany Church;
February 7, 1916, Rev. Wilmot A. Carrington, and the Akron Church; Rev. Francis LeRoy McCauley and he Ellicottville Church;
April 17, Rev. Newton S. Methfessel and the Springville Church;
May 8, Rev. Philetus P. Pockman and the Church at Alden;
August 21, Rev. Harry Burton Boyd and the Church at Olean.

Licentiates received:
April 17, 1916, Charles K. Imbrie;
June 7, R. Arthur Basham;
September 26, Kenneth J. McLennan.

Ordinations:
June 7, 1916, Charles K. Imbrie;
July 20, R. Arthur Basham.

Candidate licensed:
April 17, 1916, Robert Wharton Russell.

Installations:
October 21, 1915, Rev. Alexander Thompson over the Westfield Church;
February 20, 1916, Rev. Greeley H. Orvis over Bethany Church, Buffalo;
March 1, Rev. Albert W. Grigg over Bethlehem Church, Buffalo;
April 20, Rev. Walter Foss, over the Oakgrove Avenue Community Church, Buffalo;
May 17, Rev. William S. Douds, over the Allegany Church;
June 7, Rev. Charles K. Imbrie over the Lancaster Church;
June 23, Rev. Albert B. Herman over Ellicottville Church;
July 20, Rev. R. Arthur Basham over Akron Church.

Ministers dismissed:
February 7, 1916, Rev. Clarence Beecher Scoville to the Presbytery of Binghamton; Rev. Francis LeRoy McCauley to the Presbytery of Rochester;
April 3, Rev. Wilmot A. Carrington to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
April 18, Rev. Newton S. Methfessel to the Presbytery of Waterloo;
May 8, Rev. Philetus T. Pockman to the Classis of Bergen Reformed Church;
August 21, Rev. Harry Burton Boyd to the Presbytery of Iowa City.

Churches enrolled:
March 6, 1916, Oakgrove Avenue Community Church, Buffalo;
April 3, Olivet Community Church, Jamestown.

Deaths:

December 14, 1915, Rev. Alexander K. Macnaughton;
March, 1916, Rev. Frank B. Carlton;
May 7, Rev. Morton F. Trippe, D.D.

V. **The Presbytery of Cayuga** consists of 44 ministers, 23 churches, and has under its care eight licentiates and nine candidates.

Ministers received:

September 25, 1916, Rev. Charles J. Wood, from the Presbytery of Wellsboro;
September, 26, Rev. John F. Humphreys, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; Rev. John Evans, from the Universalist Church.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

June 17, 1916, W. H. Murphy;
April 10, Edward W. Perry, Charles A. Anderson, H. Victor Frelick, R. B. Rock;
September 25, W. O. Benthin, Robert E. Schwenk.

Candidates licensed:

April 10, 1916, Edward W. Perry, H. Victor Frelick, Edward Robinson Charles A. Anderson, Charles K. Imbrie, G. A. Percival.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

March 23, 1916, Rev. I. W. Ketchum and the church of Weedsport;
September 26, Rev. Andrew J. Lydal and the church of Fair Haven.

Ordinations:

May 8, 1916, Stanton W. Salisbury, Charles A. Anderson, Francesco De Simone, Royal G. Hall, Glen B. Ogden, Geo. A. Percival.

Installations:

October 28, 1915, Rev. Daniel M. Geddes over the Westminster Church, Auburn;
April 10, 1916, Rev. I. W. Ketchum over Calvary Church, Auburn;
October 6, Rev. Charles J. Wood over the church in Weedsport.

Ministers dismissed:

October 28, 1915, Rev. Hardy Lumb to Genesee Presbytery;
January 17, 1916, Rev. O. B. Willi to the Alton Presbytery; Rev. J. N. Morrison to the Presbytery of Cleveland; Rev. J. M. Stewart to the Jefferson Presbytery, Texas;
May 8, Charles A. Anderson, and Rev. Geo. Allen Percival to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; Rev. Stanton W. Salisbury to the Presbytery of Philadelphia;
September 26, Rev. Evan R. Evans to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Licentiates transferred:

April 10, 1916, Charles K. Imbrie to the Presbytery of Buffalo; Alex. McLean to the Presbytery of Duluth;
September 26, Kenneth J. McLennan to Presbytery of Buffalo.

Ministers deceased:
December 31, 1915, Rev. Vernon N. Yergin;
August, 1916, Rev. Seth Cook.

Churches enrolled:
November 16, 1915, Church of Victory from the Presbytery of Lyons.

VI. **The Presbytery of Champlain** consists of 19 ministers and 22 churches and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received:
June 12, 1916, Rev. William N. Wysham from the Presbytery of Baltimore;
September 18, Rev. Charles A. Lawrence from the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev. Benjamin James from the Presbytery of Portsmouth.

Candidate licensed:
September 18, 1916, Charles Frederick Fraser.

Pastoral relation dissolved:
February 1, 1916, between Rev. Caleb H. Hodges and the Tupper Lake Church.

Installations:
September 26, 1916, Rev. Benjamin James over the Church at Constable;
October 10, Rev. Roy B. Chamberlin, over the Church at Saranac Lake.

Ministers dismissed:
April 3, 1916, Rev. Samuel Eaton to Steuben Presbytery;
April 11, Rev. Hilton R. Campbell to the Presbytery of Northumberland.

Church enrolled:
October 10, 1916, The Adirondack Parish Church.

Miscellaneous:
Mr. Myron B. Wells, Mooers, N. Y. was elected treasurer of Presbytery to succeed Mr. Charles M. Hopkins, deceased.

VII. **The Presbytery of Chemung** consists of 19 ministers, 20 churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:
December 7, 1915, John Balcom Shaw, D.D., LL.D., from the Presbytery of Los Angeles;
April 17, 1916, Rev. Arthur Bell Herr, from Rochester Presbytery, and Rev. William C. Falconer, from Albany Presbytery;
September 19, Rev. Albert B. Judson, from Wellsboro Presbytery.

Candidate taken under the care of Presbytery:
April 18, 1916, George Robin.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
December 7, 1915, between Rev. James Elmer Russell and the Watkins Church.

Installation:
April 18, 1916, Rev. Arthur Bell Herr over the Watkins Church.

Ministers dismissed:
December 7, 1915, Rev. John D. Warren to Troy Presbytery, Rev. Paul C. Thyholdt to Chester Presbytery, and Rev. James Elmer Russell to Utica Presbytery.

Deaths:
April, 1916, Rev. Charles T. White, D.D.;
August, Rev. Joseph E. Tinker.

VIII. **The Presbytery of Chile** consists of 20 ministers, 30 local evangelists and seven candidates.

IX. **The Presbytery of Columbia** consists of 13 ministers and 17 churches, and has under its care two candidates and two local evangelists.

Minister received:
April 18, 1916, the Rev. John B. Kaloria, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Pastoral relation dissolved:
July 17, 1916, the Rev. Thomas J. Kirkwood and the Church at Valatie.

Ministers dismissed:
December 7, 1915, the Rev. James Hewitt, to the Presbytery of North River;
July 17, 1916, the Rev. Thomas J. Kirkwood, to the Classis of Montgomery, R. C. A.

Local evangelists licensed:
April 19, 1916, Charles F. Buckley, Durham, N. Y., and Jay D. Hopkins, Catskill, N. Y.

Ministers deceased:
November, 1915, the Rev. Archibald M. Shaw, at Spencertown, N. Y., aged 90 years;
May 11, 1916, the Rev. Robert Hughes, at Worcester, Mass., aged about 60 years.

X. **The Presbytery of Eastern Persia** consists of 13 ministers, four churches and has under its care two candidates.

XI. **The Presbytery of Genesee** consists of 24 ministers and 18 churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received:
November 3, 1915, Rev. Hardy Lumb, from the Presbytery of Cayuga;
March 8, 1916, Rev. Leon S. Lacey, from the Presbytery of Binghamton;
May 22, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt, from the Presbytery of Steuben;
June 28, Rev. Clarence E. Struebel, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
July 21, 1915, Ray Morris;
May 22, 1916, Halbert Campbell;
September 26, Donald M. Chappell.

Candidate licensed:
June 28, 1916, Merlyn A. Chappel.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
September 26, 1916, between Rev. J. Vankirk Wells and the church at North Bergen.

Ordained:
June 28, 1916, Merlyn A. Chappel.

Installations:
March 8, 1916, Rev. Hardy Lumb, over the church at Corfu;
March 28, Rev. Leon S. Lacey over the church at Byron.
May 22, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt over the church at Oakfield.

Ministers dismissed:
December 3, 1915, Rev. Samuel D. Angel to the Presbytery of Wellsborough;
October 2, 1916, Rev. J. Van Kirk Wells to the Presbytery of Wellsborough.

Treasurer elected:
September 26, 1916, Harris C. Norton to succeed the late William C. Donnan.

XII. **The Presbytery of Geneva** consists of 26 ministers, 20 churches and has under its care one licentiate and seven candidates.

Ministers received:
April 18, 1916, Rev. Samuel K. Piercy from the Presbytery of Crawfordsville;
September 19, Rev. H. Edward Jones from the Presbytery of Troy; Rev. M. G. Henry from the Presbytery of Halifax, N. S.

Ministers dismissed:
April 18, 1916, Rev. George A. Wilkinson to the Presbytery of Steuben;
Rev. Norman C. Schenck to the Oahu Evangelical Association, Hawaii;
August 26, Rev. Rufus H. Bent to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
April 18, 1916, between Rev. John McColl and the Church of Gorham;
August 26, between Rev. Rufus H. Bent and the church of West Fayette.

Installations:
May 5, 1916, Rev. Samuel K. Piercy over the church of Waterloo;
September 28, Rev. H. Edward Jones over the church of Ovid.

Candidate licensed:
April 18, 1916, William M. Mackay.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
April 18, 1916, Lawrence P. Van Slyke and Seth M. Genung.

XIII. **The Presbytery of Hudson** consists of 51 ministers, 47 churches and has under its care one licentiate.

Ministers received:

April 18, 1916, Rev. John E. Pritchard, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna; Rev. Robert J. Lockhart from Chemung Presbytery.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

January 22, 1916, John Calvin Hanenstein;
April 18, E. Stanley Chedister.

Candidates licensed:

April 18, 1916, E. Stanley Chedister, John Villanti.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

June 18, 1916, between Rev. W. A. Russum and the Milford Church and between Rev. Walter Lowrie Ritter and the Amity Church.
August 8, between Rev. Floris Ferwerda and the Hamptonburgh Church.

Ordinations:

June 22, 1916, E. Stanley Chedister;
June 27, Chas. M. Ackerman.

Installations:

May 2, 1916, Rev. John E. Pritchard over the church at Milford, Pa.;
June 22, E. Stanley Chedister over the Hopewell Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 18, 1916, Rev. W. A. Russum to the Presbytery of Elizabeth and the Rev. Walter Lowrie Ritter to the Presbytery of North River;
August 8, Rev. Floris Ferwerda to the Presbytery of Newcastle.

Ministers deceased:

August 9, 1915, Rev. James S. E. Erskine;
June 30, 1916, Rev. Robert Rogers.

XIV. **The Presbytery of Long Island** consists of 27 ministers and 23 churches.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

May 16, 1916, between Rev. Jacob Norris and the Middletown Church.

Installation:

February 23, 1916, Rev. Walter A. Heinricks over the church at Sag Harbor.

Deceased:

September 1, 1916, Rev. Epher Whitaker, D.D., aged 96 years, 5 months and 5 days.

XV. **The Presbytery of Lyons** consists of 21 ministers, 18 churches and one candidate.

Ministers received:

September 19, 1916, Rev. Elmer F. Frederick and Rev. Sybrant Nelson from the Presbytery of Otsego; Rev. Harry E. Malick from the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. John Curnow from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:
April 11, 1916, Marvin F. Hogenbtoon.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
October 15, 1915, between Rev. George W. Dell and the churches of Sodus Center and Joy.
March 13, 1916, between Rev. Theodore S. Day and the church at Junius; September 19, between Rev. John C. Langford and the church at North Rose.

Installation:
April 25, 1916, R. J. Curnow over the Red Creek Church;
April 26, 1916, Rev. Harry E. Malick over the Fairville Church.

Ministers dismissed:
October 15, 1915, Rev. George W. Dell to the Congregational Association;
March 13, 1916, Rev. Theodore S. Day to the Presbytery of Rochester;
June 10, Rev. Kingsley Norris to the Massachusetts Congregational Association.

Deceased:
Rev. Merritt Gally in Brooklyn.

XVI. **The Presbytery of Nassau** consists of 30 ministers, 30 churches, one local evangelist and one candidate.

Ministers received:
October 4, 1916, Rev. Frank B. Cowan from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; Rev. L. Walter Stephens from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
April 30, 1916, between Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf and Glen Cove Church;
June 25, between Rev. Arthur C. Watkins and Oceanside Church.

Miscellaneous:
Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, formerly pastor of the Glen Cove Church, now resides at Newburgh, N. Y., but continues a member of this Presbytery. Rev. Arthur C. Watkins, formerly pastor of the Oceanside Church, now is engaged in editorial work at Harrisburg, Pa., but also continues a member of this Presbytery.

XVII. **Presbytery of New York** consists of 186 ministers, 60 churches and has under its care three licentiates and 14 candidates.

Ministers received:
November 8, 1915, Rev. Daniel Russell, D.D., from the Presbytery of Westchester; Rev. William H. Wilson, D.D., from the Presbytery of Corning;
April 10, 1916, Rev. Charles I. Truby from the Presbytery of New Albany; Rev. Charles R. Kingsley, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Rev. Albert Clot from the Waldensian Church; Rev. Frank L. Janeway from the Grafton-Orange Congregational Association.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

January 10, 1916, Mr. Byron Porter Smith, Edmund B. Chaffee, Alex Petroff, Martin De Puky, Alex Talluta.

April 10, 1916, Marcus A. Spencer, Rudolph Kastanek.

Licentiates received:

June 12, 1916, Joseph S. De Rogatis from the Presbytery of Newark.

Candidates licensed:

April 10, 1916, Edmund B. Chaffee, Earl Leroy Douglass, Rudolph Kastanek.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 10, 1916, between Rev. Oliver Paul Barnhill and the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewater.

October 2, between Rev. Tertius Van Dyke and the Spring Street Church.

Ordinations:

January 10, 1916, Alexander M. Allan;

April 16, Edmund B. Chaffee;

June 14, Joseph S. De Rogatis.

Installations:

November 21, 1915, Rev. Daniel Russell, D.D., over the Rutgers Church;

October 17, 1916, Rev. John W. Darr over the Spring Street Church.

October 19, Rev. Frank M. Hyder, D.D., over the St. James Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 10, 1916, Rev. Oliver Clyde Weist to the Central Ohio Association of Congregational ministers;

April 19, Rev. Jay S. Stowell to the Milwaukee District Association of Congregational Ministers of Wisconsin;

October 2, Rev. John Salastin to the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. D. Ernest McCurry to the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Licentiates dismissed:

June 12, 1916, David R. Wylie to the Presbytery of Binghamton; Earl Leroy Douglass to the Presbytery of Washington City; Clarence E. Carter to the Chicago Congregational Association.

Candidates transferred:

January 10, 1916, James Gordon Gilkey to the Presbytery of Chester; Fausto Pisani to the Presbytery of St. Louis; Nicholas Varkonyi to the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley;

October 2, John Dezso to the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley.

Ministers deceased:

October 24, 1915, Rev. Joseph Sanderson, D.D., LL.D., at Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 92;

November 12, Rev. James Otis Denniston at New York City, aged 81;

February 16, 1913, Rev. Edward Riggs, D.D., at Smyrna, aged 69;

January 15, 1916, Rev. George J. Mingins, D.D., at Allenhurst, N. J., aged 88;

September 15, Rev. Alberto Clot at New York City, aged 40.

XVIII. **Presbytery of Niagara** consists of 22 ministers, 24 churches and has under its care two candidates for the gospel ministry.

Ministers received:

September 25, 1916, Rev. Truman J. Kilbourne from the Presbytery of Mt. Morris; Rev. Wallace W. Gushee from the Presbytery of Mankato.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

May 1, 1916, between Rev. F. J. Milman, Ph.D., and the Medina Church.

Ministers dismissed:

April 24, 1916, Rev. Louis M. Lawrence to the Presbytery of Buffalo;

May 15, Rev. F. J. Milman, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Newark;

September 25, Rev. Seymour C. Ferris to the Minnesota conference of the M. E. Church.

Licentiate dismissed:

September 25, Frank DiGiacomo to the Presbytery of Utica.

XIX. **The Presbytery of North Laos** consists of 20 ministers, 37 churches and one licentiate.

XX. **The Presbytery of North River** consists of 43 ministers, 30 churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

November 15, 1915, Rev. Jay Knox from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;

January 10, Rev. James Hewitt from the Presbytery of Columbia;

March 6, 1916, Rev. Walter C. Ritter from the Presbytery of Hudson;

April 18, Rev. Fenerikus W. Bruins from the Presbytery of Chicago;

June 19, Rev. Wesley C. Hemphill from the Presbytery of Furrukhabad, Ind.;

October 2, Rev. George H. Cotton from the Presbytery of Emporia.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

June 19, 1916, David B. McKeever.

Candidates licensed:

April 18, 1916, James Edge;

June 19, Henry F. Wilkie.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 25, 1915, between Rev. Arthur Worthington, LL.D., and the New Hamburgh Church;

April 17, 1916, between Rev. Jay Newton Kugler and the Marlborough Church;

October 2, between Rev. R. C. Dodds, D.D., and the Kingston Church.

Ordinations:

April 18, 1916, James Edge;

July 7, Henry F. Wilkie.

Installations:
December 10, 1915, Rev. Jay Knox over Union (Newburgh) Church;
March 19, 1916, Rev. James Hewitt over the Westminster Church;
March 6, Rev. Walter L. Ritter over the New Hamburgh Church;
April 19, Rev. Fenerikus W. Bruins over the Freedom Plains Church;
May 10, Rev. James Edge over the Pleasant Plains Church;
June 30, Rev. Wesley L. Hemphill over the Pine Plains Church.

Ministers dismissed:
December 29, 1915, Rev. Calvin McClelland, D.D., to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
April 17, 1916, Rev. Jay Newton Kugler to the Presbytery of West Jersey;
October 2, Rev. Henry F. Wilkie to the Presbytery of New York; Rev. R. C. Dodds, D.D., to the Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

Deceased:
May 28, 1916, Rev. C. Davis Van Wagoner at Cold Spring, N. Y. aged 40.

Treasurer of Presbytery:
Chas. H. Stuart, 14 Grand St., Newburgh, N. Y.

XXI. **The Presbytery of Otsego** consists of 31 ministers, 30 churches and has under its care two candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:
October 20, 1915, Rev. Henry T. Scholl, D.D., from the Presbytery of Lyons;
January 17, 1916, Rev. Isaac M. Steelman, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; Rev. James Walter Bump, from the Washington Union Baptist Association;
August 30, Rev. Walter Dudley Cavert, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Licentiate received:
October 5, 1915, Mr. Henry Lawrence Achilles from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
December 10, 1915, between Rev. Alfred J. Sadler and the Church at Stamford.

Ordination:
October 28, 1915, Henry Lawrence Achilles.

Installations:
October 28, 1915, Rev. Henry Lawrence Achilles over the church at Cherry Valley;
January 26, 1916, Rev. James Walter Bump over the church at Meridale;
June 6, Rev. Isaac N. Steelman over the church at Breakabeen;
September 3, Rev. Walter Dudley Cavert over the church at Stamford.

Ministers dismissed:
December 10, 1915, Rev. Alfred J. Sadler to the Presbytery of Jersey City;

January 17, 1916, Rev. Sybrandt Nelson to the Presbytery of Lyons; Rev. George M. Nicholls to the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley;
August 30, Rev. Elmer E. Frederick to the Presbytery of Lyons.

Miscellaneous:
The Stated Meetings of Presbytery hereafter will be held on the third Monday of April and the fourth Monday of September.

XXII. **The Presbytery of Porto Rico** consists of 19 ministers, 35 churches and has under its care 11 candidates.

Ministers received:
April 13, 1915, Rev. William M. Orr, from the Presbytery of Topeka;
September 15, 1915, Rev. Byron G. Sager, from the Presbytery of Louisville; Rev. Arthur James, from the Presbytery of Connecticut Valley; Rev. Jose Osuna, from the Presbytery of Northumberland; Rev. James W. Countermine, D.D., from the Presbytery of DesMoines.

Candidates received under the care of Presbytery:
September 15, 1915: José L. Garcia;
April 12, 1916, Angel Saavedra, Felix Prieto, Sergio Valentine, and Angel Almeda;
September 13, Juan Corchado;
September 16, Felipe Toro Quiñones, José D. Ramos, Ricardo Gutierrez, Alvaro Morales, Herminio Rodriguez, Luis Nieves, Francisco J. Flores, Luis Maldonado, José Angel Olmeda, Alberto Martinez, Pedro Roura, Jr.

Candidates licensed:
April 13, 1916, R. Camacho, Manuel Figueroa, Eduardo Galvez, Antonio Pagán, Remigio Perez, Francisco Quiñones, Enrique Rivera;
April 14, 1916, Angel Archilla, Baldomero Badillo, Victor M. Buenahora, José Velez;
June 20, 1916, Gustavo Archilla;
September 13, 1916, Antonio Acosta.

Ordinations:
September 15, 1916, Jose Velez;
June 20, 1916, Angel Archilla, Baldomero Badillo, Victor M. Buenahora;
June 28, Eduardo Galvez;
September 13, Gustavo Archilla.

Ministers dismissed:
April 14, 1915, Rev. Edwin A. McDonald to the Presbytery of Des Moines;
June 28, 1916, Eduardo Galvez, to the Presbytery of Havana.

Name dropped from the roll:
September 15, 1915, Rev. T. N. S. Butler.

Churches enrolled, April 13, 1914, Santa Rosa and La Tuna.
February 13, 1916, Aguada.

Miscellaneous:
September 13, 1916, Rev. Byron G. Sager elected secretary and treasurer.

XXIII. **The Presbytery of Rochester** consists of sixty-two ministers and fifty-one churches and has under its care five candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

January 17, 1916, Rev. Leo Alvin Gates from the Presbytery of Steuben;

April 11, Rev. Francis LeRoy McCauley from the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. Theodore S. Day from the Presbytery of Lyons; Rev. Charles H. Brown from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

June 12, Rev. William G. Kennedy from the Presbytery of Philadelphia of the United Presbyterian Church; Rev. James A. Dodds, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Toronto, Canadian Presbyterian Church; Rev. Harry V. Bonner from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

September 25, Rev. Joseph Vitale from the Presbytery of West Jersey.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

January 17, 1916, Joseph Salvaggio;

April 11, Livingston Bentley;

September 25, Carl J. Grabb; John Vaccio.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 11, 1916, between Rev. Arthur Bell Herr and the Church of Pittsford;

August 7, between the Rev. J. L. Jewell and the Church of Caledonia.

Installations:

June 20, 1916, Rev. William G. Kennedy over the North Church of Rochester;

June 22, Rev. Harry V. Bonner over the Church of Irondequoit;

September 28, Rev. James L. Jewell over the Church of Pittsford.

Ministers dismissed:

January 17, 1916, Rev. Harry E. Malick to the Presbytery of Lyons;

April 11, Rev. William D. Robinson to the Yakima Association of Congregational Churches; Rev. Abram N. Wylie to the Presbytery of Houston; Rev. Arthur Bell Herr to the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. John Pons to the Presbytery of Hamilton, Canada.

Name dropped from the roll:

January 17, 1916, Rev. William W. Stoddart.

Deaths:

October 16, 1915, Arthur Clements, aged 38 years;

January 23, 1916, Theodore W. Hopkins, aged 75 years.

February 27, Alfred J. Hutton, D.D., aged 74 years.

XXIV. **The Presbytery of St. Lawrence** consists of 29 ministers, 35 churches and has under its care four candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

April 11, 1916, Rev. George T. Wood from the St. Lawrence and Black River Baptist Association;

July 13, Rev. George Alden Percival and Rev. Charles Albert Anderson from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:
April 11, 1916, Stephen L. Joels, Ogdensburg, N. Y.;
September 25, Alfred J. Penney, student at Magill University, Montreal.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
July 17, 1916, between Rev. Emory L. Evans and the Church at Chaumont;
September 14, between Rev. Frank B. Cowan and the Church at Potsdam;
September 25, 1916, between Rev. Wm. J. Nevin and the churches at Flackville and Heuvelton.

Installations:
July 13, 1916, Rev. George A. Percival over the Church at Cape Vincent.

Ministers dismissed:
April 10, 1916, Rev. Charles H. Brown to the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. Walter Foss to the Presbytery of Buffalo;
July 17, Rev. Emory L. Evans to the Presbytery of Utica;
September 4, Rev. Frank B. Cowan to the Presbytery of Nassau;
September 25, Rev. John F. Humphreys to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

XXV. **The Presbytery of Siam** consists of 13 ministers, 13 churches, two licentiates and 14 local evangelists.

XXVI. **The Presbytery of Steuben** consists of 26 ministers, 25 churches, and has under its care three candidates:

Ministers received:
February 21, 1916, Rev. Frank O. Leonard from the Presbytery of Utah;
April 18, Rev. Samuel Eaton from the Presbytery of Champlain; Rev. George A. Wilkinson from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Candidate received:
October 18, 1915, Paul De Remer of Andover.

Candidates licensed:
April 19, 1916, James Allen Whitmore.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
December 20, 1915, between Rev. John R. Fraser and Church at Avoca;
April 17, 1916, between Rev. Chas. W. Dane and Westminster, Hornell;
May 9, between Rev. J. E. Stuart and the Church at Prattsburg;
August 31, between Rev. A. C. Stuart and the church at Almond.

Ordination:
April 18, 1916, James Allen Whitmore.

Installations:
October 18, 1915, Rev. J. Hudson Ballard, over Hornell 1st;
February 25, 1916, Rev. Frank O. Leonard, over the Church at Cuba;
May 9, Rev. Samuel Eaton, over the Church at Avoca.

Ministers dismissed:
December 20, 1915, Rev. John R. Fraser to the Presbytery of Troy;

April 18, 1916, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt to the Presbytery of Genesee;
May 9, Rev. Elmer J. Stuart to the Presbytery of Albany;
August 31, Rev. Aaron C. Stuart to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
September 19, Rev. James Allen Whitmore to the Presbytery of Westchester; Rev. George Lamb to the Welsh Presbytery of Liverpool, Eng.; Rev. Charles W. Dane to the Genesee Conference M. E. Church.

XXVII. **The Presbytery of Syracuse** consists of forty-five ministers, forty-four churches and has under its care eight candidates.

Ministers received:
December 13, 1915, Rev. Burt N. Weaver from the Presbytery of Springfield;
October 14, Rev. E. Floyd Rippey from the Presbytery of Westchester;
April 11, 1916, Rev. Wilmot A. Carrington from the Presbytery of Buffalo;
April 24, Rev. William H. Liggett from the Presbytery of Ottawa;
May 29, Rev. William Rice from the Presbytery of Flint.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:
December 13, 1915, David Edwards.

Candidate licensed:
April 11, 1916, Samuel H. Hallajian.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
January 11, 1916, between Rev. Kenneth B. Welles and the Manlius Church.

Installations:
October 14, 1915, Rev. E. Floyd Rippey over the First Church of Oswego;
October 22, 1916, Rev. Cuthbert C. Frost over the Marcellus Church;
May 29, Rev. Wilmot A. Carrington over the Manlius Church.

Ministers dismissed:
January 11, 1916, Rev. Kenneth B. Welles to the Middlesex Association of Congregational Churches;
June 5, 1916, Rev. Harry V. Bonner to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Candidate transferred:
March 6, 1916, H. Gerald Gaige to the Presbytery of Little Rock.

Minister deceased:
February 29, 1916, Rev. Alfred H. Fahnestock, D.D.

XXVIII. **The Presbytery of Troy** consists of 43 ministers, 37 churches and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:
November 4, 1915, Rev. Samuel R. Brown from the Presbytery of Huntingdon;
January 24, 1916, Rev. John D. Warren from the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. John R. Fraser from the Presbytery of Steuben.

Candidate licensed:
April 18, 1916, George W. Walker.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
June 19, 1916, between Rev. H. Edward Jones and the Presbyterian Church of Schaghticoke;
September 18, between Rev. William L. Sawtelle and the Second Presbyterian Church of Troy.

Installations:
November 4, 1915, Rev. Samuel R. Brown over the Presbyterian Church of Warrensburgh;
February 9, 1916, Rev. John R. Fraser over the Memorial Church of Troy.

Ministers dismissed:
June 19, 1916, Rev. H. Edward Jones to the Presbytery of Geneva;
September 18, Rev. William L. Sawtelle to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

XXIX. **The Presbytery of Utica** consists of 49 ministers, 43 churches, one licentiate and eight candidates.

Ministers received:
January 18, 1916, Rev. James Elmer Russell, from the Presbytery of Chemung;
September 26, Rev. Emory L. Evans, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
April 10, 1916, Willis K. Jones, of Clinton Church;
September 26, Gordon J. Barnett, of Hamilton College Church.

Licentiates received:
April 11, 1916, G. Taylor Wright, from Methodist Church;
September 26, Frank Di Giacomo, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
March 31, 1916, between Rev. Frank W. West and Vernon Center Church;
April 10, between Rev. John W. Dennis and Verona Chureh;
May 2, between Rev. Chas. A. Lawrence and Lyon Falls Church;
September 26, between Rev. Theo. F. Jessup and Boonville Church;

Ordination:
May 3, 1916, G. Taylor Wright.

Installations:
October 13, 1915, Rev. Robert Duncan, over Knoxboro Church;
May 2, 1916, Rev. James Elmer Russell, over Lowville Church;
May 3, Rev. G. Taylor Wright, over Martinsburg and Turin Churches;
June 29, Rev. John W. Dennis, over Williamstown and West Camden Churches.

Ministers dismissed:
January 18, 1916, Rev. Richard C. Hastings, to the Presbytery of Baltimore;
May 2, 1916, Rev. Charles A. Lawrence, to the Presbytery of Champlain.

Candidate transferred:
March 24, 1916, Edward W. Perry, to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

XXX. **The Presbytery of Westchester** consists of 63 ministers and 35 churches, and has under its care two licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received:

January 18, 1916, the Rev. John J. McClelland from the New Haven West Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers;

October 2, the Rev. W. Francis Irvin, D.D., from the Presbytery of Louisville;

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

October 27, 1915, Pietro Guiffrida;

October 3, 1916, Abraham Shleemon.

Candidate licensed:

October 3, 1916, Domenico Blasi.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

June 20, 1916, between the Rev. Lester H. Bent and the Harrison Church;

October 3, between the Rev. Robert L. Gibson and Croton Falls Church; between the Rev. George P. Noble and the Gilead Church.

Ordination:

October 27, 1915, Aubrey C. Ross.

Installations:

October 27, 1915, the Rev. Aubrey C. Ross over the Bedford Church;

January 25, 1916, Rev. John J. McClelland over the Port Chester Church;

September 8, the Rev. James Packard Gillespie over the Katonah Church.

Ministers dismissed:

October 2, 1916, the Rev. Lester H. Bent to the Presbytery of Iowa; the Rev. William B. Waller to the Presbytery of Washington City;

October 3, the Rev. William T. Edds to the Suffolk Association of Congregational Churches.

Candidates names dropped:

October 3, 1916, George R. Brunges, Richard C. T. Othen and Thomas Rudy.

Minister deceased:

March 20, 1916, the Rev. Charles N. Cate, aged 66 years.

SUMMARY

Ministers	1237	Licentiates and local evangelists	70
Churches	946	Candidates	124

II. CHANGES IN PRESBYTERIES

Champlain: Mr. Myron B. Wells, Treasurer.

Genesee: Mr. Harris C. Norton, Treasurer.

North River: Mr. Charles H. Stuart, Treasurer.

Porto Rico: Address of Stated Clerk, Rev. A. Roy Thompson, changed from Lares to Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

III. WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. William J. Milne, Mrs. Lewis Alexander James, Mrs. Grace V. Grant, Mrs. A. R. Olney, Mrs. John Horton Finley, Miss Mary Greene, Mrs. Henry T. McEwen, Mrs. E. C. Lawrence, Mrs. A. S. Brandow.

Binghamton—Mrs. J. J. Lawrence, Mrs. H. A. Clark, Mrs. Laura Fish, Mrs. Carl W. Scovel, Mrs. Franklin Putnam.

Brooklyn—Mrs. W. A. M. Grier, Mrs. E. H. Pilsbury, Mrs. J. W. Hollenbeck.

Buffalo—Mrs. John C. Bryant, Mrs. Fred K. Eaton, Mrs. William H. Walker, Miss Kate E. Putnam, Mrs. Charles H. Seymour, Mrs. Sidney McDougall, Mrs. Charles J. North, Mrs. Charles E. Rhodes.

Cayuga—Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington, Mrs. James Seymour, Mrs. R. B. Welch, Mrs. Henry G. Wise, Mrs. J. S. Manro, Mrs. A. M. Dulles.

Champlain—Mrs. H. C. Cavanaugh, Mrs. R. N. Porter, Mrs. J. H. Hallock, Mrs. W. F. Brown, Mrs. W. T. Eaton.

Chemung—Mrs. Courtland F. Carrier, Mrs. R. H. Evans, Mrs. G. M. Welles, Mrs. George J. Magee, Miss M. E. Norton, Mrs. Frank Bentley.

Columbia—Mrs. S. F. Henderson, Mrs. Truman Johnson, Mrs. George C. Yeisley.

Genesee—Mrs. O. L. C. Arnold, Mrs. W. E. Prentice.

Geneva—Mrs. Anna Herendeen, Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Mrs George C. Prichard, Mrs. Charles Lester.

Hudson—Mrs. George H. Bonsall, Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Mrs. Francis S. Haines, Mrs. Alexander Thompson.

Long Island—Miss Sara J. Adams, Mrs. Mary H. Howell, Mrs. Epher Whitaker, Mrs. Emil C. Hedges.

Lyons—Mrs. S. S. Pierson, Mrs. Phebe E. Vary, Mrs. J. E. Lawrence.

Nassau—Mrs. John H. Prall, Mrs. Theodore W. Smith, Mrs. Amelia Blydenburgh.

New York—Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. Henry Cole Smith, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. James Yereance, Mrs. James M. Gifford, Mrs. James E. Ware, Mrs. Seymour M. Ballard, Mrs. Roy C. Tillinghast.

Niagara—Mrs. Robert Norton.

North River—Mrs. Morgan Carpenter, Mrs. LeRoy C. Cooley, Mrs. Frederic E. Stockwell.

Otsego—Mrs. W. D. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Mrs. Hector Cowan, Mrs. Charles B. Roberts.

Rochester—Mrs. Edward Bristol, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. E. A. Webster, Miss A. C. Barton, Mrs. E. D. Chapin, Mrs. Bertram L. Search, Mrs. H. M. Gilt, Mrs. F. J. Woodworth.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mrs. J. P. Bonney, Mrs. D. A. Ferguson, Mrs. Rufus L. Sisson.

Steuben—Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle, Mrs. Francis A. Williams.

Syracuse—Mrs. Irving G. Vann, Mrs. E. A. Hudson, Mrs. Orson L. White, Mrs. E. L. Torbert, Mrs. F. J. Sauber, Mrs. A. J. Abeel.

Troy—Mrs. William V. Baker, Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. William E. Marden, Miss Mary A. Philip, Mrs. Lewis W. Raymond, Mrs. H. J. McCune, Mrs. Thomas Elder, Mrs. John W. Ford, Mrs. J. Erwin Anthony.

Utica—Miss Isabel M. Terrett, Mrs. J. C. Frederickson, Mrs. B. E. Tilton.

Westchester—Mrs. A. F. Avery, Miss M. C. Foster, Mrs. A. C. McMillan, Mrs. Dwight Holbrook, Mrs. William G. Arnold.

IV. TRUSTEES OF SYNOD

President—Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D.

Secretary—John T. D. Blackburn.

Treasurer—Edwin T. Hanford.

Terms expiring in 1917: Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., Rev. Arthur C. McMillan, Edwin T. Hanford, Sanford R. Knapp.

Terms expiring in 1918: Rev. Francis S. Haines, Rev. Joseph Dunn Burrell, William Thompson, John M. Baxter.

Terms expiring in 1919: Rev. Frederic E. Stockwell, Rev. Andrew Magill, William A. Galpin, James T. Sweetman, M.D.

Ex-officio: Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., Rev. Daniel A. Ferguson, D.D., John T. D. Blackburn.

By action of Synod, the Trustees are authorized and empowered to take and receive on behalf of the Synod of New York, and in its name, for religious, educational, benevolent or charitable purposes, such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances of real or personal estate, as in their judgment shall be proper, and to make such applications and provisions as in their discretion they may deem advisable ,for the purpose of carrying out and performing the trusts upon which such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances may be received.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Synod of New York (of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America) incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of dollars, to be held or expended by the Trustees of said Synod, in conformity with the provisions of said Laws, and the By-laws of said Synod.

V. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

	Name	Presbytery	Place
1882.	*Henry A. Nelson, D.D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
1882.	*Howard Crosby, D.D.	New York	Utica
1883.	James McLeod, D.D.	Buffalo	New York
1884.	*John McC. Holmes, D.D.	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	*L. Merrill Miller, D.D.	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	*Joseph E. Nassau, D.D.	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	*Charles C. Wallace, D.D.	Boston	Auburn
1888.	*T. Ralston Smith, D.D.	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	*Samuel Jessup, D.D.	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D.	Albany	Lockport
1891.	Asa S. Fiske, D.D.	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	*Levi Parsons, D.D.	Rochester	Albany
1893.	*James Gardner, D.D.	Albany	Rochester
1894.	George C. Yeisley, D.D.	Columbia	New York
1895.	Howard Duffield, D.D.	New York	Binghamton
1896.	Ralph E. Prime, LL.D. (Elder)	Westchester	Brooklyn
1897.	*Joseph Gamble, D.D.	Champlain	Utica
1898.	*A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D.	Binghamton	Elmira
1899.	James H. Robinson, D.D.	Otsego	Troy
1900.	David G. Wylie, D.D.	New York	Geneva
1901.	*William Waith, Ph.D.	Buffalo	Buffalo
1902.	*William K. Hall, D.D.	North River	Albany
1903.	*William M. Johnson, D.D.	Troy	Ithaca
1904.	Dana W. Bigelow, D.D.	Utica	Middletown
1905.	Isaac Jennings, D.D.	Chemung	Syracuse
1906.	Anthony H. Evans, D.D.	New York	Lockport
1907.	*Samuel W. Pratt, D.D.	Steuben	Brooklyn
1908.	John F. Carson, D.D.	Brooklyn	Kingston
1909.	*Willis J. Beecher, D.D.	Cayuga	Johnstown
1910.	James Robertson	St. Lawrence	Rochester
1911.	Martin D. Kneeland, D.D.	Boston	Auburn
1912.	Henry Ward, D.D.	Buffalo	Gouverneur
1913.	E. Van Dyke Wight, D.D	Hudson	Auburn
1914.	Walter Rockwood Ferris, D.D.	Syracuse	Middletown
1915.	Arthur Newman,	Long Island	Batavia
1916.	Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D.	New York	Newburgh

*Deceased

VI. STANDING RULES

I

The annual meetings of Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October at half past seven o'clock, p. m. The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator

to be chosen at the beginning of each annual meeting; a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen for a term of five years, and such temporary clerks as shall be chosen at each annual meeting. In case of vacancy in the office of Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk or Treasurer, which shall occur by reason of resignation, death, removal from the bounds of Synod, or from membership of the Presbytery or Church in the Synod, the Moderator, or if he be inaccessible, the last elected Moderator shall appoint, *ad interim* a minister or elder to the vacant office, who shall hold the same until Synod hall fill the office. In case any officer of Synod shall by sickness, absence, or otherwise, be incapacitated from performance of the duties of his office, a minister or elder shall, in like manner, be appointed to perform the duties of the office until the incapacity shall end or until Synod shall take action.

II

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a standing Committee to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting, which shall be designated prior to the adjournment, and a Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for popular meetings.

The Stated Clerk of the Synod shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements for every meeting of Synod. The first order of business, on the second day of the meeting of Synod, after the appointment of Committees, shall be the hearing of and action upon reports of officers of Synod and of special Committees appointed at previous meetings of Synod.

III

The morning sessions of the Synod shall be opened with devotional services to be continued not less than half an hour.

IV

Each Presbytery shall at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible, not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of Ministers and Ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries in the following proportion: Each Presbytery, the number of whose Ministers and Churches added together, is not more than twenty, shall send one Minister and one Elder and so in like proportion for every twenty Ministers and Churches added together, or for any remaining fraction thereof, not less than one-half: Provided that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten Ministers and ten Elders."

V

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk, of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod. When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person to the Clerks of the Synod before their names shall be substituted upon the roll.

In order to the parliamentary constitution of the annual meeting of Synod immediately after the opening of Synod, and preceding the election of officers, the roll be announced as certified to by the enrollment Committee, a printed list of all delegates and alternates be placed in the hands of every delegate.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VI

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor and the chairmen of the committees, appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod, shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations and their postoffice addresses.

VII

In case of the failure of the Moderator, the Annual Meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a minister of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

VIII

A complete roll of the Ministers and Churches of each Presbytery, and a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes for the year preceding, as required by the form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 9, shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, as soon as practicable after the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery; and the statistical reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the minutes.

IX

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting:

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Business.
3. Minutes of General Assembly.
4. Finance.
5. Leave of Absence.
6. To nominate Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions.

7. To nominate Trustees of the Synod.
8. On the records of the several Presbyteries.
9. To collate the Reports on Presbyterial Records.
10. In every year of even numbers a Committee to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing two years, as follows: I. Religious Education; II. Men's Work; III. Foreign Missions. IV. Education. V. Church Erection. VI. Ministerial Relief. VII. Missions to Freedmen. VIII. Aid for Colleges. XI. Sabbath Observance. X. Temperance. Such permanent committees to consist each of four ministers and three ruling elders.

X

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General Rules of Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XI

All papers intended for the Synod or its Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him before being referred.

XII

The Stated Clerk shall have authority to print in the minutes, abstracts of extended reports, excepting those portions which contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod.

XIII

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned to the number of their communicants, according to a rate per capita determined at the previous meetings of the Synod. And if no action has been taken the rate shall be seven mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XIV

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

XV

Vacancies occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod in any of its committees may be filled *ad interim* by the Moderator.

XVI

An Executive Commission shall be appointed of which the Moderator of the Synod shall be chairman ex-officio, one minister and one elder shall be appointed annually hereafter to serve for three years. The work of the Commission shall be along the lines of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly, as far as applicable to the work of our Synod.

XVII

For each session of Synod a list in chronological order of all ministers who have died during the ecclesiastical year shall be prepared by the Stated Clerk from information given by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries; this list shall be read by him immediately after the roll call on the morning of the second day of the session of Synod, and the Synod standing shall thereupon be led in prayer by the Moderator.

XVIII

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable, after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

XIX

(1) All committees of Synod shall report in writing, and all reports of Permanent Committees and of Special Committees appointed at one meeting of Synod, to report at a later meeting, shall be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk, at least twenty days before the annual meeting of Synod; such reports shall be printed by the Stated Clerk in a Blue Book, to be ready at the place of meeting six hours before the meeting, and distributed to the delegates as they enroll; such reports shall not be read on the Floor of Synod unless ordered by Synod and shall be abstracted and not printed in full in the minutes; the action of Synod thereon to be printed and such abstracts therefrom as may be necessary th show the action of Synod.

(2) The Committee on Synodical Missions shall print its own report as Part II of the Blue Book and have the same in the hands of the Stated Clerk for distribution at the time and manner above provided as to the Blue Book.

The clerk shall furnish to each delegate on his enrollment a uniform card to be filled up by him and delivered to the clerks, which shall state his name, name of his Presbytery, the day of his enrollment and such other information as to the clerks may be convenient. Such cards shall constitute a duplicate roll for use of the clerks and of Synod.

The roll shall not be called during meetings of Synod, except only the final roll call, unless Synod shall otherwise direct.

VII. CHAIRMEN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Arrangements—Rev. Darwin F. Pickard, D.D.
2. Next place of meeting—Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall., D.D.
3. Divorce and remarriage—Ralph E. Prime, LL.D.

VIII. PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. Religious Education. *Ministers*—Frederick E. Stockwell, William H. Boocock, Charles G. Sewall, Nevin D. Bartholomew; *Elders*—Thomas J. James, Zelotes L. Wilcox, Charles K. Scoon.

2. Foreign Missions. *Ministers*—Charles McKenzie, John L. Caughey, Thomas R. Good, William H. Hopkins; *Elders*—John T. D. Blackburn, James M. McMartin, Paul Cook.

3. Church Erection. *Ministers*—Frank M. Kerr, Samuel H. Seem, Charles E. Craven, George H. Feltus; *Elders*—John H. Prall, Edwin W. Rowley, Clarence G. Seward.

4. Education. *Ministers*—R. Lew Williams, John M. Macinnis, Theodore M. Carlisle, James A. Miller, Arthur H. Limouze, John J. MacDonald; *Eders*—John Finley, J. C. Fisher, A. P. Storrs.

5. Ministerial Relief. *Ministers*—Henry A. Porter, John G. Truair, Christopher G. Hazard; *Elders*—Robert Cluett, Charles S. Butler, Edward W. Ibbotson, Edgar C. Leonard.

6. Freedmen. *Ministers*—John R. Mackay, Anthony M. Peterson, William A. Byrd, James A. Pratt; *Elders*—Ransom E. Wilcox, E. W. Rowley, W. W. Smith.

7. College Aid. *Ministers*—John C. Ball, Frederick W. Palmer, Allan Macy Dulles, Charles L. Carhart; *Elders*—Rathbun J. Hunt, C. C. Swan, H. N. Daggett.

8. Temperance. *Ministers*—Charles G. Ellis, H. H. Barstow, Christopher G. Hazard, Hugh R. Fraser; *Elders*—Benjamin P. Wayne, W. T. Couper, H. B. Graves.

9. Lord's Day Observance. *Ministers*—Duncan J. McMillan, John F. Carson, William P. Stevenson, Arthur Newman; *Elders*—George W. Banks, Winthrop S. Gilman, Selah B. Strong.

10. Men's Work. *Ministers*—Carl W. Scovel, John J. Lawrence, Jonathan C. Day, George Dugan; *Elders*—Burr W. Mosher, Lucius L. Van Slyke, George B. Ament.

11. Executive Commission. *Ministers*—Harlan G. Mendenhall, William J. Cummings, David G. Wylie, George B. Stewart; *Elders*—William McCarrell, Rush Taggart, Charles W. Seymour.

12. Synodical Missions. *Elders*—Geo. P. Conard, D. C. Hurd, W. M. Wheeler, W. S. Bennett, J. N. Wyckoff, Waldo Hutchins; *Ministers*—Henry T. McEwen, George S. Webster, Arthur Newman, Charles G. Ellis, Walter B. Ferris, J. Howard Hobbs, U. L. Mackey.

IX. NECROLOGY

The necrological list this year is an unusually long one. Thirty deaths among the ministers of this Synod have been reported during the past ecclesiastical

year. Among this number we record the names of many who have ranked high in their profession and several of them have reached great age. Rev. Messrs. Joseph Sanderson, D.D., Archibald M. Shaw, Charles T. White, D.D., Nathan B. Knapp, George J. Mingins, D.D., Adam McClelland, J. Otis Denniston, had passed four score years on earth and some had seen their ninetieth birthday. The following were active in ministerial duty at seventy years: Rev. Messrs. Alfred J. Hutton, D.D., C. Otis Thatcher, Robert Rogers, Egbert C. Lawrence, Ph.D., Theodore W. Hopkins, Alfred H. Fahnestock, D.D., Joseph E. Tinker. Two were very prominent in mission work, Rev. Edward Riggs, D.D., in Smyrna, and Rev. Morton F. Trippe, D.D., among the Cattaraugus Indians. A large number have been summoned from their pulpits in middle life and have gone home, such as Rev. Messrs. Vernon N. Yergin, Seth Cook, Lansing Van Auken, M.D., Chauncey B. Mac Gill, Alexander K. Mac Naughton, Frank B. Carlton, Robert Hughes, James S. E. Erskine, Alberto Clot, C. Davis Van Wagoner, Arthur Clements. Other veterans as Rev. George Craig and Rev. Merritt Gally have entered into rest.

This large draft upon our active ministerial force reminds us that we all should be up and doing, for the night is coming when no man can work.

X. STATISTICS OF SYNOD

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES	Presb's.	Ministers	Licent's.	Loc. Evan.	Candidates	Churches	Manses	Elders	Deacons	Added on Ex.	Added on Cer.	Restored	Dismissed	Susp. Roll	Deceased	Net Total	Bap. Conf.	Bap. Infants
SYNOD OF NEW YORK	30	1232	40	61	120	945	583	4784	1820	14327	7999	866	7035	7134	2987	225036	4906	5927
1. Albany		68			5	49	35	253	110	541	319	32	284	217	167	11667	189	246
2. Binghamton		37			1	34	23	171	77	380	268	36	216	70	95	7209	222	126
3. Brooklyn		94	3		9	47	15	309	245	1154	619	71	746	667	313	21393	157	700
4. Buffalo		70	2		1	58	31	391	99	967	621	38	365	697	173	14,745	247	386
5. Cayuga		41	6		7	23	18	133	39	292	174	16	163	181	90	5469	205	79
6. Champlain		16			5	21	17	60	16	134	70	3	41	7	42	2337	54	61
7. Chemung		19			2	20	16	97	23	133	124	24	72	85	51	3312	61	50
8. Chile		20		30	7	17		48	23	65	30	4	46	33	14	939	51	62
9. Columbia		15		2	2	17	12	59	7	60	9	2	20	10	30	1758	23	13
10. Eastern Persia		13			2	4										*317		
11. Genesee		22	1		3	18	18	96	19	148	64	10	72	167	59	3699	58	72
12. Geneva		26	1		7	20	19	122	59	451	134	21	133	139	79	5821	223	92
13. Hudson		49	3		1	47	41	205	41	550	147	16	190	126	126	7664	143	268
14. Long Island		28				23	23	116	15	150	57	4	35	15	63	4254	72	72
15. Lyons		22				18	16	99	15	206	86	6	78	154	38	3487	95	48
16. Nassau		29			2	30	19	118	63	147	115	19	98	93	55	4510	38	167
17. New York		189	3	1	15	60	10	441	367	2509	1449	93	984	1911	360	35,691	212	1059
18. Niagara		23	1		2	24	19	110	19	666	173	8	139	221	56	5134	227	162
19. North Laos		20	1		6	37		182	58	500	1064	26	1448	300	167	6628	330	382
20. North River		44			1	30	27	157	53	251	151	67	178	67	86	6244	81	119
21. Otsego		32			2	30	26	119	35	186	104	33	86	86	69	4155	105	88
22. Porto Rico		19	11	11	6	35	10	73	28	248	53	16	73	527	26	2225	226	80
23. Rochester		60			4	51	33	312	43	788	481	80	373	276	162	16,533	250	408
24. St. Lawrence		30			2	35	23	147	27	196	118	26	127	68	88	5575	89	105
25. Siam		13	2	14		13		26	4	148	3	3	4		6	1002	174	79
26. Steuben		30			3	25	19	124	25	215	95	13	130	175	74	4729	136	98
27. Syracuse		46	2		8	44	26	232	92	1766	507	130	317	380	124	10,087	681	272
28. Troy		45	1	1	1	37	27	195	86	388	180	26	159	120	122	8676	149	154
29. Utica		48	1		7	43	33	204	35	691	351	29	236	122	136	10,072	308	238
30. Westchester		65	2	2	9	35	27	185	97	397	433	14	222	220	116	9704	100	241

XI. SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

To the Synod of New York in Session at Newburgh, N. Y., October 16, 1916:

Your Committee on Synodical Home Missions would respectfully present this report of its work of the year ending September 30, 1916.

The year has been filled with the activities of the Synod in its Home Missionary endeavor. The workers commissioned by the Presbyteries, the support of whose work you are assisting to bear, have rendered faithful and efficient service, as clearly appears from the quarterly reports made to the Synodical Superintendent, compiled for your information and encouragement, and presented in its proper place herewith. The congregations of the Synod have responded generously to the appeal for Home Missionary offerings, and contributed more largely than last year, or during any other year in the history of Home Missions. The various departments of work under the immediate charge of your Committee have commended themselves and abundantly justified their existence, as more detailed accounts of these departments will show.

X. STATISTICS OF SYNOD

S. S. Mem.	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Education	Sab. Sch. Work	Church Erection	Relief Sust.	Freedmen	Colleges	Temperance	General Assembly	Congregational	Miscellaneous
179,599	515,533	367,890	6,771	27,472	18,149	53,492	34,996	17,253	21,863	26,603.68	3328,899	730,924
8601	15,348	13,614	1317	983	512	1415	1025	1378	982	1, 347.20	159,164	12,221
61 2	8898	4739	2247	957	443	505	587	860	876	752.17	74,235	8485
18,136	51,845	42,752	4400	4479	3688	8166	4035	3147	1185	2,543.00	393,451	36,450
11,816	57,352	23,008	1146	2055	1383	6801	3487	1075	645	1,914.37	239,792	20,67
4249	5642	7218	1246	584	294	1065	1390	378	741	635.61	59,394	4284
1687	2622	2986	163	242	77	691	350	70	137	319.05	29,105	604
2756	2394	2485	212	349	160	205	285	366	523	394.89	42,359	1507
3038	122					22				7.56	5033	15
990	2133	1644	167	188	199	501	467	102	385	187.55	17,820	410
270												
3479	3083	3093	257	536	217	620	549	235	285	468.73	45,322	2192
4423	6005	4942	975	597	297	926	1093	383	589	673.43	60,170	2590
5125	7093	3933	456	821	397	719	701	488	1278	1,145.64	112,889	1763
2828	4517	3396	282	827	264	880	686	252	374	581.56	46,827	2059
3027	3307	1799	109	288	86	135	267	105	394	417.91	53,565	459
4034	3797	3170	240	902	224	906	782	231	539	658.46	74,716	2794
24,482	251,246	164,949	3256	5134	4087	14,213	4634	3639	4588	5,069.00	805,636	438,133
4771	3642	3747	228	611	199	1415	1019	186	582	515,46	62,386	6242
6369	635		4536		780						747	
3895	7619	6808	404	691	359	819	766	383	481	847.86	88,110	1579
3125	2755	1665	204	404	157	475	568	139	556	528,20	50,353	1313
3045	145	88	37	23	5	5	7	3	19	279.18	4991	190
14,562	15,740	21,374	1252	1238	972	1321	5101	1046	1606	1,897.66	247,711	130,065
4842	7718	4654	427	643	391	897	1148	300	1103	630.04	69,039	4512
984		135	17								509	15
3994	2754	3393	318	408	190	790	595	274	599	527.12	48,641	1753
9964	9605	8713	698	739	372	1695	984	389	1248	977.48	117,042	11,025
5390	10,784	10,402	739	953	749	3381	1278	704	266	936.70	124,397	8263
6555	12,094	10,654	666	1076	627	2731	1112	501	432	1,014.70	108,113	14,829
6980	16,638	12,529	772	1744	1020	2193	2080	619	1450	1,333.15	187,382	12,802

During the course of the year, the Committee was called upon to mourn the death of one of its most faithful members, Rev. Vernon N. Yergin, representing the Presbytery of Cayuga, and also a member of the Executive Committee. A Minute adopted by the Executive Committee follows:

"This Committee has heard with sorrow of the death of our brother and fellow-laborer, Rev. Vernon N. Yergin. After a long and painful illness which he bore with great and cheerful patience, he was called home to begin the new year of 1916 in the service of his King in the Upper Sanctuary. His heart was in the work of Home Missions. For years he had been Chairman of Home Missions in the Presbytery of Cayuga, and besides his pastorate there came upon him daily the care of all the churches. In this Committee he was faithful in his attendance and in his wise oversight of this great work in New York State. Particularly was his interest enlisted in Work for the Foreigner, and the Secretary owes him a large debt of thanks for counsel and enthusiastic service in the Mission at Auburn. We convey our sincere sympathy to the bereaved widow and family and the church which he served, and rejoice that his children have as a holy heritage the spirit which is animating their lives in distinctively religious work and ways. 'He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him'."

The Organization

Following is the organization of the Executive Committee:
Chairman, Mr. George P. Conard.
Vice-Chairman, Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D.
Secretary, Rev. George S. Webster, D.D.
Treasurer, Mr. Harvey C. Olin.
Synodical Superintendent, Rev. U. L. Mackey.

The other members of the Executive Committee are:

Rev. Charles G. Ellis, Ph.D.	DeWitt C. Hurd
Rev. W. R. Ferris, D.D.	W. M. Wheeler
Rev. J. Howard Hobbs, D.D.	J. M. Wyckoff
Hon. W. S. Bennet	Waldo Hutchins

The Permanent Committee has had two meetings during the year, while the Executive Committee has held two additional meetings, thus keeping in close touch with the men who are conducting Home Mission work throughout the State.

Location of Office

The office of the Committee is in the Presbyterian Building, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. All communications that have to do with the administration of Home Mission work within the State should be addressed to the Synodical Superintendent, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Contributions for Home Missions, whether Synodical or National, together with vouchers for the collection of grants, should be sent direct to Mr. H. C. Olin, Treasurer, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Home Missions Council

The Synod was represented at the Home Missions Council at Atlantic City in May of the current year by the Vice-Chairman of your Committee, Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D., acting in the place of your Chairman as per his duties as Vice-Chairman of the Committee. His expenses were borne by the Board of Home Missions. Attention should be called to Rule 32 so that the Synod may be fully informed that the Chairman of your Committee is the regular representative of the Synod at this Council.

Home Missions Activities

The policy pursued by your Committee during the year has been to cultivate as fully as possible an intelligent understanding of the work that claims the attention of our Synod in the Home Missionary endeavor, and to this end we have used such means as we had at command to acquaint the churches of our Presbyteries with the importance of the work that we have in hand.

Especially has your Committee used the plan of the Group Conferences of church leaders as approved by you one year ago. Your superintendent, together with a representative from the Board of Home Missions and the Board

of Foreign Missions held Group Conferences with leaders of the churches in the following Presbyteries:

Steuben	Three Conferences
Chemung	Two Conferences
Otsego	Five Conferences
Champlain	Four Conferences
St. Lawrence	Four Conferences
Brooklyn	One Conference

During the course of these Conferences, practically all the churches in these Presbyteries were reached with the message of the Synod and the Boards which co-operated. In addition to these Conferences, there was held in connection with the meetings of the Permanent Committee, important Conferences with the Home Mission workers in the Presbyteries near Syracuse and Newburgh.

The Synod also co-operated with the Home Board in a Conference with Hungarian missionaries at Kingston, Pennsylvania, and a similar Conference with Italians at Princeton, New Jersey. It would be difficult to estimate the possibilities of these Conferences with workers, especially those of foreign speech. In all our missionary work the success or failure depends upon the character of the ministers that are provided for conducting the work, and any effort that we may make whereby this leadership is improved, will not be wasted. In our work for foreign people we meet with very great difficulty in providing ministers of such character that we can wisely leave the work in their hands. This does not mean that we have not men doing work for foreign people who are the equal in every regard to the English-speaking ministers. But the work is growing more rapidly than the number of ministers is increasing, and your Committee sees great possibilities in such Conferences as those of Kingston and Princeton in directing these men toward larger and more efficient service, especially in the fact that the inspiration and instruction given at these Conferences comes mostly from men of their own nationality, speaking out of an experience that is very similar to their own. With your approval we shall co-operate with the Board of Home Missions in future Conferences of similar character during the coming year.

Evangelism

There has been organized no definite department of evangelism in our Home Mission Work, but the Secretaries in our employ have sought to lend themselves to evangelistic endeavor wherever an opportunity has opened and in all our contact with the pastors of the Synod, evangelism has been pressed upon our churches.

In order to get more closely into touch with the plans of Secretary Mahy of the Assembly Evangelistic Committee, your Superintendent cooperated with him in a campaign in the Presbytery of Geneva. While from the Superintendent's point of view in seeking to come into close touch with Dr. Mahy and his methods the campaign did not serve any large purpose, yet from the point of

view of the Presbytery and the work itself, a very considerable purpose was served.

In addition to the above, both the Secretary for Church Extension and the Synodical Superintendent have engaged during the year in evangelistic endeavor.

Every-Member Plan

As representing your Synod in the Every-Member Plan your Committee has co-operated with the Assembly's Committee, and the Superintendent has answered practically all the calls that have been made by that Committee during the year, and especially has lent himself to the service of the Assembly's Committee in the Conferences of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. It might be noted here that the Minutes of the General Assembly show decided increase in the contributions of our churches during the past year. Especially noticeable is this increase in the column of Home Missions.

While it is true that there is a steady increase in the matter of our contributions for Home Mission work, it remains that the growth of our contributions has not kept pace with the depreciation of currency. That is to say, that our contributions do not have the purchasing power that the smaller ones did in former years. The effort to increase the salaries of our ministers above the $800.00 mark, which very largely prevailed three years ago is fairly successful; but the $800.00 of five years ago had a larger purchasing power than $1,000.00 at the present time. This fact should be kept in mind when we are seeking to raise missionary funds, and also by the Presbyteries when requests for grants are acted upon.

Colored People of the North

One year ago your Committee took the following action:

First: That such Presbyteries as desire the Board of Missions for Freedmen to conduct work within their bounds shall per permitted to do so through the Synodical Home Missions Committee.

Second: It is our judgment that the work for colored people within this Synod does not call for the engagement of a Superintendent, but we would recommend that your Committee be authorized to co-operate with some other Synod or Synods in the engagement of a capable colored missionary or evangelist, if in their judgment a situation should arise that would seem to justify such action. Pending an appointment of that character, we will endeavor to handle this in connection with our work for foreign people.

Your Committee would report that there have been no calls from any of the Presbyteries for assistance from the Freedmen's Board in conducting our Home Mission work among the colored people.

Appropriations and Expenditures

Your Committee is presenting herewith an exhibit of the expenditures in relation to the appropriations of the year closing June 30th, and it will be noted that in every department we have kept well within the appropriation made for that work.

The Country Church Council

The New York Country Church Council which was reported one year ago has, at present, the co-operation of the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist Episcopal, and Presbyterian Churches.

Following the survey of Madison County, a report of which appeared last year, a County Evangelistic Campaign was carried on in that territory, and on the basis of the survey, beginning in November, 1915, under the direction of a County Committee and its Chairman, Dr. Silas E. Persons of Cazenovia, N. Y. In January of the current year the results of this campaign were reported at 2,000 conversions. Every community had been reached by a preacher, presenting the claims of Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour.

The Country Church Council received the report of the work in Madison County with a great deal of encouragement and hope. It would appear that herein is an opportunity for very wide usefulness in the counties of the State.

At present, under the direction of the Country Church Council, with the immediate oversight of its Chairman, Dean S. W. Howe of Syracuse University, a survey of Onondaga County is being made with the expectation that it will be followed by evangelistic effort similar to that so successfully undertaken in the County of Madison.

The Permanent Committee authorized an expenditure not to exceed three hundred dollars to be used for the work of the Country Church Council. Of this amount, one hundred and fifty dollars has been contributed for the survey of Onondaga County with the assurance of the Baptist, Methodist Episcopal, and Congregational agencies that their communions will contribute in like proportion.

DEPARTMENTS

We are not presenting such extensive report of the departments of our work as we have in former years, having other plans whereby we hope such report may be gotten into the hands of our people more generally. Your Committee, however, desires to express its great confidence in the men who have been engaged by the Executive Committee in the different departments of the Synod's Home Mission work; their untiring energy, their wise management of the work committed to their charge, their dependability, and the success with which they have conducted their departments, all have commended them to us in the very strongest possible way.

Work for Foreign People

The work in this department has been conducted during the past year with energy, hopefulness, and success. The greatest embarrassment has been the shortage of suitable ministers of foreign speech, who, along with their ability to preach the Gospel, have also the ability to organize and conduct new enterprises.

All the work reported a year ago, except the Mission among the Italians at Lockport, and that in connection with the South Church, Brooklyn, is conducted at the present time. In addition, a tentative work among the Ruthenians at

Rochester has been taken up, and a prosperous mission among the Italians at Endicott in the Presbytery of Binghamton. A table prepared by Secretary Allen shows the work in operation under the direction of your Committee up to the first of April.

It is the judgment of your Committee that we have reached the time when a State Council for Foreign Work, similar to the Council for Country Work should be organized. The possibilities of co-operation on the part of the Evangelical forces of our Churches in Foreign Work offers to us an opportunity such as we do not believe exists in any other line of endeavor. There is also some experience to guide us; notably, Middletown, where the Evangelical Churches of the city united in building a Presbyterian Church for the Italians there; Batavia, where the Evangelical Churches of the City unite in supporting a Baptist work; New York City Missions Council, embracing the Baptist, Congregational, Disciples, Dutch Reformed, Lutheran, Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Protestant Episcopal Churches, and the New York Mission Society.

The fact that there is scarcely a city of twenty thousand inhabitants that does not have claim upon the Evangelical Churches for work in a language other than English, seems to lay upon us a burden of responsibility that can be met only by the close co-operation of the churches of the State.

With your approval, the Executive Committee will take steps seeking to organize such a Council for foreign work; a Council that will seek not only to police the different churches so that they shall not trespass upon the struggling work of each other, but also make it a point of objective that all the churches in the city shall co-operate personally and financially in an effort to redeem our foreign people from paganism.

Adirondack Work

The work among the Lumber Camps has been successfully prosecuted throughout the year, the Secretary reporting that this is the best year that the work has known.

Many of us may not have appreciated the immense amount of work that is entailed in seeking out the many camps throughout the great country that embraces the Adirondack field. The Secretary feels that they have not only found all the camps, but have also visited them more or less frequently during the past year. In addition to the hundred and fifty camps, located in ten counties, covering 14,000 square miles, there are tree planting groups and many river drives, all of which the workers seek to visit, as also the villages and any other points where people assemble who are without the knowledge of the Gospel of Christ. The Secretary has, during the past year, preached and sent into the Camps loan libraries which have been very greatly appreciated by the men, the books having been carefully selected by Mr. Maddox, and prepared for shipment from camp to camp. Such libraries cost in the neighborhood of twenty dollars, and it is the judgment of your Committee that twenty dollars can scarcely be spent in a wiser way. In the matter of Library gifts, the Secretary will welcome

personal gifts of magazines and books, providing they are good books, together with money for the purchase of books and phonograph records.

The force in the field at the present time consists of Mr. Maddox, Secretary; C. W. Mason, Charles Atwood, John T. Logan, and Mills S. Grimes.

The immediate needs are: First, a Ford ,by which Mr. Mason could meet just about twice as many people as he is able to meet at the present time, even though he makes his journey now for the most part with horse and wagon. For seven months of the year, the two hundred and fifty mile journey that he makes with a horse could be made with a Ford, and thus his efficiency would be about double.

Second, Mr. Atwood has long runs on Cranberry Lake, and it would greatly increase his efficiency if he could have a strong launch, costing not over two hundred dollars.

Third, Mr. Maddox feels the very pressing need of a Y. M. C. A. or some similar meeting place for the men who return from the woods for their periods of leisure.

We are conscious that the five men cannot with sufficient frequency meet the men in the one hundred and fifty camps, the drives, tree planting groups, and the villages of this immense territory, and we hope that generous provision may be made whereby the whole territory may be carefully covered by our ministers of the Gospel.

Church Extension

In our Church Extension effort during the year most of the work has been along the line of reconstruction, although in addition to this work, the department has made constant effort to secure suitable men for the vacant fields, a most difficult task as many of the men are unwilling to consider country work because of the need of the higher school privileges, while at the same time it is recognized that the country church demands a very resourceful character of minister. Mr. Dean has served in eight Presbyteries and twenty churches, in some of which he spent a considerable period. In others he was there for only one or two services.

A typical illustration of his work appears in the Westminister Church of Hornell. Having passed through a very unfortunate experience, and being without pastor, the members were widely scattered, greatly depressed, and any hope of going on with the work seemed out of the question, while a foreclosure of the mortgage on their very excellent church seemed imminent. After two months of service in this church, together with careful and systematic pastoral visitation and personal work, evidence of their renewed hope appeared in greatly enlarged church attendance and financial pledges to the amount of more than $2,000 for their church budget. To save that church it remains now for the Presbytery to secure a tactful leadership of more than the ordinary ability, and the church's future will be secure.

Mr. Dean has not been able to meet anything like all the calls that came for his services during the past year, and your Committee have been on the lookout for a man with Mr. Dean's characteristics who might be engaged for work of a similar character. The Committee has not yet secured such an one,

although we are, at the present time, using a man who gives promise of being a worthy colleague for Mr. Dean. In the event that he proves satisfactory, your Committee will engage him, if we may have your approval.

Budget for 1916–1917

At the meeting of the Permanent Committee in April, as authorized by you one year ago, the Permanent Committee prepared and submitted to the Board of Home Missions the following schedule of appropriations. This schedule requires your approval.

Commissions—	
General Work	$25,000
Foreign Work	13,000
Administrative Expense	1,850
Publicity	400
Departments—	
Synodical Superintendent	4,500
Work for Foreign People	3,000
Adirondack Work	5,550
Church Extension	2,500
Emergency Fund	5,000
Total	$60,800

Term of Service

The term of service of the Vice-Chairman, Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D., and of the Secretary, Rev. George S. Webster, D.D., expires at this meeting of Synod; also the term of service on the Permanent Committee of George P. Conard, and DeWitt C. Hurd. The Synod should take action to fill these vacancies.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

George P. Conard, *Chairman.*

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